

# **Elections Division**

# VOTERS' PAMPHLET



# **GENERAL ELECTION**

November 4, 2014



### **ATTENTION**

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### **Dear Multnomah County Voter:**

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Here are a few things you should know:

- You can view your registration status by visiting MyVote at <u>www.oregonvotes.gov</u>. There you can check or update your voter registration or track your ballot.
- Ballots will be mailed beginning on Wednesday, October 15, 2014.
- Not all the candidates or measures in this Voters' Pamphlet will be on your ballot. Your residence address determines those districts for which you may vote. Your official ballot will contain the candidates and issues which apply to your residence.
- Voted ballots MUST be received at any County Elections
   Office or official drop site location in Oregon by 8:00 PM,
   Tuesday, November 4, 2014 to be counted
- This Voters' Pamphlet is on our website: www.mcelections.org. Starting at 8:00 PM on election night, preliminary election results will be posted on our website and updated throughout the evening.

If you have any questions you can contact our office at: 503-988-3720.

Sincerely,

Tim Scott

Multnomah County Director of Elections

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### Reading the voters' pamphlet



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You'll find statements provided by candidates running for office. Not all candidates submitted a statement. You'll also find ballot measures and measure arguments. Keep in mind that Multnomah County Elections does not write or edit these statements. Multnomah County Elections does not fact check or correct punctuation, grammar, syntax errors or inaccurate information.

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### Voting is as Easy as 1 - 2 - 3

Instructions for completing your ballot.

### 1. Examine your official ballot and vote it.

Examine your Official Ballot. Locate the candidate or measure response (YES or NO) of your choice for each contest. To vote, you must completely darken the oval to the left of the response of your choice with black or blue ink.

To vote for a write-in candidate, one whose name does not appear on the Official Ballot, completely darken the oval to the left of the solid line provided for the office and write the full name of the candidate on that line.

**Remember:** If you vote for more than the number of candidates allowed for an office, or you vote both YES and NO on a measure, it is called an OVERVOTE, and your vote for that position or measure will NOT be counted.

Review your ballot and prepare to return it.Ensure you have correctly marked your choice for each contest. Your official ballot will contain

contests printed on both front and back.

If you make an error on your ballot, damage it in any way or lose it, contact the Multnomah County Elections Division at 503-988-3720 to request assistance.

Prepare to return your voted ballot. Place the ballot in the return envelope. You may use the optional secrecy envelope, but it is not required. Election staff will ensure the secrecy of your ballot.

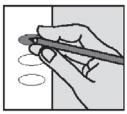
Remember: Read the Voter's Statement on the return envelope and sign it on the signature line. Your ballot will not be counted if the return envelope is not signed. Every signature is checked against the registration signature on file and the signature must match for the ballot to be counted.

### 3. Return your ballot.

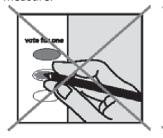
- By mail: Attach first-class postage to the signed and sealed return identification envelope. Mail it as soon as possible to arrive at the Multnomah County Elections Division no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. A postmark does not count!
- In person at an official drop site: Deliver the signed and sealed return identification envelope to any official drop site no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Postage is NOT required if delivered to an official ballot drop box location.

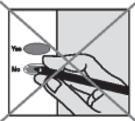
### check your ballot!

Make sure you have completely filled in the oval next to your choices.



If you vote for more candidates than allowed or if you vote **both** Yes **and** No on a measure, it is called an overvote. Your vote **will not count** for that candidate or measure.





If you make a mistake or change your mind while marking your ballot, you may request a replacement ballot from the Elections office or you may make your changes on the ballot. It is critical that **you make your choice obvious** because election workers will inspect each ballot to make sure voter intent is understood and the ballot is counted correctly. Two examples of how to make your intent clear are below.





You don't have to vote in all contests. Your other votes will still count. You cannot change your vote once you've mailed or dropped off your ballot.

Contact Multnomah County Elections Division to request assistance if:

- → you make a mistake
- → your ballot is damaged
- → your ballot is lost

or for any other reason.

Contact: Multnomah County Elections Division

phone: 503-988-3720

website: <a href="www.mcelections.org">www.mcelections.org</a> email: elections@multco.us

Oregon Relay Service: 1-800-735-2900

### Returning your ballot

Voting begins as soon as you receive your ballot in the mail. Consider returning it early to be counted in election night results and to have time to resolve any issues.



**Through the Mail** - You can vote and return your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service as soon as you receive it. One 1<sup>st</sup> class or Forever Stamp is all you need to mail the ballot back in Multnomah County. Your ballot must be received by 8:00 p.m. Election Day.





**Official Ballot Drop Boxes** - You can return your ballot to an Official Drop Box by 8:00 p.m. Election Day. Locations in Multnomah County are listed below. Ballots may be delivered to any Official Ballot Drop Box in Oregon until 8:00 p.m. Election Day.

### **24-Hour Official Ballot Drop Boxes**

A-BOY SUPPLY - 7365 SW Barbur Blvd.
GOODWILL STORE - 3134 North Lombard St.
MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT - West side of NE
40th Ave. between NE Tillamook St. and NE
Hancock St. (Near the Hollywood Library.)

**GRESHAM BRANCH LIBRARY** - 385 NW Miller Ave. **MIDLAND BRANCH LIBRARY** - 805 SE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave. **PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE** - 700 block of SW Broadway (next to Starbucks and across from Nordstrom)

**REGAL CINEMAS MOVIE THEATER / M & M CAR WASH** – SE Division St & SE 165<sup>th</sup> Ave, Portland – drop box located in Regal Cinemas parking lot behind M & M Car Wash.

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE** - 1040 SE Morrison St. Portland - Two Drop Box locations. Box located on the East Side of **SE 11**<sup>th</sup> Ave. between SE Morrison St. and SE Belmont St. Another box located on the North Side of **SE Belmont** St. between SE 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. and SE 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.

### **Library Official Ballot Drop Sites & Hours**



Voted ballots may be delivered to any Multnomah County library from the day ballots are mailed until 8:00 PM on Election Day, during library hours. An official ballot drop box is securely located inside each library; library hours are listed below. For 24-hour access, please use the 24-hour drop sites listed above or the ballot/book return at Central Library.

Central Library - 801 SW 10th Ave.

- Monday 10 am 8 pm
- Tuesday noon 8 pm
- Wednesday noon 8 pm
- Thursday 10 am 6 pm
- Friday noon 6 pm
- Saturday 10 am 6 pm
- Sunday 10 am 5 pm

Belmont Library - 1038 S.E. César E. Chávez Blvd. Gresham Library - 385 NW Miller Ave., Gresham Hillsdale Library - 1525 SW Sunset Blvd. Hollywood Library - 4040 NE Tillamook St Midland Library - 805 SE 122nd

- Monday 10 am 6 pm
- Tuesday 10 am 8 pm
- Wednesday noon 8 pm
- Thursday noon 8pm
- Friday 10 am 6 pm
- Saturday 10 am 6 pm
- Sunday 10 am 5 pm

Albina Library - 3605 NE 15th Ave.

Capitol Hill Library - 10723 SW Capitol Highway Fairview-Columbia Library - 1520 NE Village St., Fairview

**Gregory Heights Library** - 7921 NE Sandy Blvd.

Holgate Library - 7905 SE Holgate Blvd.

Kenton Library - 8226 N. Denver Ave.

North Portland Library - 512 N Killingsworth St.

Northwest Library - 2300 NW Thurman St.

Rockwood Library - 17917 SE Stark St.

St. Johns Library - 7510 N Charleston Ave.

Sellwood-Moreland Library - 7860 SE 13th Ave.

**Troutdale Library** - 2451 SW Cherry Park Rd., Troutdale

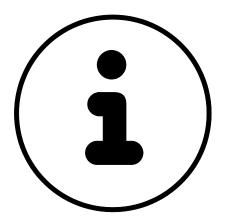
Woodstock Library - 6008 SE 49th Ave.

- Monday noon 8 pm
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- Sunday noon 5 pm

# **Candidates**

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The following pages contain candidate filing information from city and soil and water district candidates.



Not all candidates submitted information for the Voters' Pamphlet so you may have candidates on your ballot that are not in the Voters' Pamphlet.

### Mayor



### **TED TOSTERUD**

**OCCUPATION:** Retired

OCCUPATIONAL **BACKGROUND:** Owner/ President, Northwest Medical Laboratories, Inc.; 25th & Lovejoy Pharmacy; Director with a large Medical Laboratory; United States Air

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State University, B.S. in Chemistry

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Fairview City Councilor, January 2014-Present

We live in a wonderful, unique town. We have strong schools, safe streets, and small businesses that have helped our local economy grow even when times are tough. With over 46 years of experience in business development, I can help lead the effort to expand opportunities bringing more goods, services and jobs to Fairview for economic development.

Here are some of the priorities I will have as your Mayor.

**Community Assets** 

- Move Advisory committee meetings to Community Center to facilitate citizen input
- Update the Comprehensive Plan to map Fairview's future

Community Safety

- Rejuvenate and establish new Neighborhood Watch programs
- Focus Public Safety Advisory Committee on safety measures in school zones Ensure park development does not out pace
- maintenance to ensure safety

**Community Development** 

- Create limited fee waivers for employers bringing new jobs to Fairview
- Review the Return on Investment of making City vacant land "build ready" to help Fairview compete within East County

**Community Fiscal Health** 

- Focus on increasing revenue from new development to ensure long-term financial stability of City's budget
- Balance the City budget so reserves are not used for on-going operations

"The FBA endorses Ted Tosterud because he presents a clear list of priorities with specifics to bring focus and vision to the city. He is focused on increasing interaction with residents; simplifying and opening up the fiscal process to greater public scrutiny and promoting economic development with specific ideas to help Fairview compete. He has also served as a bridge within the council to help move forward some of the stalled issues confronting the city." Anestis A. Polizos, Fairview Business Association

### **Endorsements:**

Mike Weatherby, Mayor of Fairview Steve Owen, Fairview City Councilor Dan Kreamier, Fairview City Councilor Tamie Arnold, Fairview City Councilor

www.TedForFairview.com

(This information furnished by Ted Tosterud)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by Multnomah County.

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### LISA **BARTON MULLINS**

**OCCUPATION:** Fairview City Council, 2006-present; Council President 2013-present; Retired

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Accounting; payroll; small business owner

**EDUCATIONAL** BACKGROUND: Mt. Hood Community College; Parkrose Sr. High School.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Fairview City Council 2006-present; Fairview Municipal Audit Committee; Fairview Budget Committee; Fairview Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee; East Metro Economic Alliance; Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation; East Multnomah County Transportation Committee; Fairview Windstorm Park Homeowners' Association, past president; Gresham City Council; Gresham Budget Committee; Gresham Sister City Association, Led Gresham Sister City visits to Japan and South Korea.

Community Service and Other Experience: Community Emergency Response Team Training; Trauma Intervention Program, (TIP) volunteer; TIP National Leadership Training Academy; Meals on Wheels; American Cancer Society; SOLVE volunteer.

### LISA BARTON MULLINS **EXPERIENCE - INTEGRITY - LEADERSHIP**

Dear Neighbors,

I have served the past eight years on the Fairview City Council. I have years of council and city government experience. More importantly, I have a purpose-driven focus on Fairview. I love this community and have spent most of my life in East County and Fairview and many years serving in a volunteer capacity.

We need a council that will work with each other, the community, and the City employees with mutual respect and the willingness to work with our strengths rather than focusing on polarization and differences. I want to build trust within the council and advance our incredible neighborhoods in Fairview.

Let's celebrate our city of Fairview and expect integrity in our leadership. I am the candidate for Mayor who will apply 100 percent of her energy and expertise to accomplish growth and prosperity for our diverse community while maintaining Fairview's unique quality-of-life.

Thanks for your support, Lisa Barton Mullins

**Endorsed By:** 

Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson Multnomah Co. Commissioner Diane McKeel Shirley Craddick, Metro Councilor Doug Doust, Mayor, Troutdale Patricia Smith, Mayor, Wood Village

(This information furnished by Lisa Barton Mullins)

### Mayor



### CURTIS K BURNETT

**OCCUPATION:** Real Estate Sales

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Husband, father, family man, Homeowner, Tax payer, responsible citizen and neighbor.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Pro Schools
Oregon, Real Estate, License.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** No Prior Governmental Experience

Curtis K Burnett

Age 53

Work Experience: Real Estate Sales including commercial, residential and investment.

Husband, father, family man, Homeowner and Tax payer, responsible citizen and neighbor.

The decision to enter this campaign is based on two common words, I and me. As a citizen of Fairview all focus shall be placed on US and WE and all decisions will we based on this simple criteria. This campaign is not about all my accomplishments my awards or the ability to state all the normal political statements, no fluff here! As a confidant and secure citizen with the ability to bring about change through open and transparent process we can together move forward and stop the indecision.

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(This information furnished by Curtis K. Burnett)

### Council, Pos. 2



### **STEVE OWEN**

OCCUPATION: Sr. Director. ADP Dealer Services Inc.

**OCCUPATIONAL** BACKGROUND: Controller, ADP Dealer Services Inc.

**EDUCATIONA BACKGROUND:** Western Business College, Accounting, Graduate

### PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL

EXPERIENCE: Current – Fairview City Councilor, 1997 – Present; Fairview Audit, Budget and Public Safety Committees; Heslin House Historical Society Liaison; BSA Fairview Troop 588

The following priorities will guide me during the next two years:

Public Safety - Public Safety continues to be a top priority for me. I am proud of the dedicated police force in our city and commend them for maintaining voluntary accreditation established by the Oregon Accreditation Alliance.

The Multnomah County Sheriff has offered to provide police services to the City of Fairview. This will require careful consideration to ensure service levels remain the same or better while maintaining our short-term and long-term financial goals.

Parks and Community Fun – I am excited to see and support the major park improvements in process at Park Cleone and Fairview Woods. Updating these parks will provide the community with additional recreational opportunities.

I applaud the grassroots non-profits who have formed to provide additional volunteer services by adopting roads and streams throughout the city, sponsoring community town halls and joining the Citizens on Patrol Program.

Public Works - I will continue to support periodic utility rate reviews that minimize rate increases while supporting infrastructure that is way beyond its intended life cycle.

Economic Development – I support immediate Council action to implement financing programs that target vacant properties and previously occupied storefronts. I encourage Developers that want to build and develop in Fairview bringing with them fresh ideas.

The City of Fairview is primarily residential and will benefit by additional services closer to our homes and help sustain our tax base. This will support public safety, parks and infrastructure improvements.

I look forward to your suggestions and encourage you to consider taking an active role in your community as your personal time allows.

### **Endorsements:**

Mike Weatherby, Fairview Mayor Ted Tosterud, Fairview City Councilor

(This information furnished by Steve Owen)

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Council. Pos. 2



### **BALWANT** BHULLAR

**OCCUPATION:** Small business owner from last 11 years in Fairview OR; Minit Mart(2002-2007); Big bear country market (2009-2013); Fairview Gas station and convinience store(2004present)

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Owned a trucking company from 1993-1996(eighteen wheelers);

other jobs in California; cashier in Convinience stores, farm worker, construction work in electrical field, security patrol business and residence.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: punjab india, high school, diploma; ITI INdia, electrical engineering, diploma; LASC) (community collage), criminal & justice, shy of a AA; excel security academy, law enforcement training, completed.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: member of park committee; city councilor 2008; member of public safety advisory committee(active)

I will commit myself to keep a clean and friendly environment in the city of Fairview to keep schools, parks and streets in Fairview safe.

### Public Safegy:

- · Enhance public safety at streets for children, seniors and the disabled. Develop a sidewalk plan so residents can walk safely on streets.
- I would like to see the city be more proactive on public
- safety issues instead of reacting to problems.

  I would like to see ongoing support for Neighborhood Watch type programs.

### Development:

- Develop more ramps where possible to seniors and the disabled.
- Clear brush near crossings so pedestrians are more visible.

### Economic Development:

- City to promote and incentivize NE Halsey corridor development.
- City to approve vacant land as build ready.
- City to reduce development permit fees to make Fairview more competitive.
- City to reduce land development application steps to make Fairview more inviting.
- Economic Development is saying "yes" to businesses that provide more jobs and services.

Endorsed by: Fairview Councilor Steven Prom, Fairview Councilor Dan Kreamier, Fairview Councilor Tammie Arnold, Harjinder S. Chand, Fairview Citizen David Keller, Bridge Street Associate Vern D. Loftis, Fairview Citizen Jeff Olin, PCP Francis A.J. Martinez, Fairview Business Owner Leslie Moore.

(This information furnished by Balwant Bhullar)

Council, Pos. 4

Council, Pos. 4



### LESLIE N MOORE

**OCCUPATION:** Minister

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Business Owner, Methods Engineering Lead with Boeing.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: OSU, none; Linn Benton CC, NDT Certification; Mt. Hood CC, Management Certification.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Budget and PSAC committees, Elected PCP and National Delegate.

Endorsed By: Mayor Mike Weatherby, Councilor Dan Kreamier, Councilor Ted Tosterud, Councilor Tamie Arnold, Former Councilor Ken Quimby.

I love Fairview. I appreciate what our outgoing leaders have accomplished and honor their legacy. I bought my home here in 1990 and participated in the housing boom in 1999. The development boom ended in 2004 and left us with a greatly improved and enriched community. Now it is time for more. As a member of the business community, I will pursue family wage jobs, sponsor incentives for development and investment in our community. I will work to reform the budget. Raising taxes and fees is not the answer. Economic development and growth is. There are also opportunities to enhance our budget process and the way Fairview does business. As a member of our Public Safety Committee, for more than a year I have been pursuing a plan for a unified policing agreement that will share redundancies, improve police presence, provide greater career opportunities for our current officers and greatly reduce the budget. Similar opportunities are also available in other vital services. This coming cycle will determine our course for a long time to come and 2015 is when those decisions will begin to be made. For more than a decade we have been warned that pensions and healthcare of municipal workers continue to outpace economic growth. Property tax limits and rising compensation costs are a gathering storm cloud of unfunded liabilities that place vital services at risk. For the past seven years we have drawn from our reserves and raised fees to fill that growing gap. Taking action when there is insufficient information is as egregious as taking No action when the information is overwhelming. It's time for change, it's time for more.



### TED KOTSAKIS

OCCUPATION: Retired, Dean of Business and Technology at Clark College; Presently, teaching parttime at Clark College and Chair of Fairview's, "Public Safety Advisory Committee." Business owner "Kotsakis Enterprises, LLC." Software program development for light displays and holiday displays.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Dean of Business & Technology at Clark College - Program Manager for DEQ, CEO Forbes, Inc., Division Chair Lane Community College, Instructor at lower Columbia College and Columbia Basin College. Business owner "Kotsakis Enterprises, LLC." Software program development for light displays and holiday displays.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Columbia Basin College, Automotive Technology, Associate Degree; Central Washington University, Bachelor's Degree, Education and Metallurgy; Oregon State University, Community College Administration, Master's Degree; Oregon State University, Leadership and Supervision, Completed all course work for Doctorate (ABD).

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Chair of Fairview's "Public Safety Advisory Committee".

### **Public Sector Experience:**

Instructor in higher education, Administrator in higher education, Program Manager for DEQ for the State of Oregon. I worked closely with both Federal and State Legislators to procure funds and author new legislative rules. I participated in contract negotiation for the City of Central Point Law Enforcement, City of Central Point Maintenance Workers and City of Medford Law Enforcement.

Personal:

Married 33 years with two children. Hobbies include flying radio controlled helicopters and creating light and music displays for the holidays in Fairview.

My Priorities include livability and accountability in the City of Fairview:

- Preserve existing business and work to attract new business.
- Continue to keep the citizens of Fairview safe.
- 3. Open lines of communication between the City, Business and Citizens.
- 1. Improve and protect our neighborhoods.
- Align the City's budget with a wellplanned, clearly defined operational plan. Balance the City's budget without committing reserves for recurring expenses.
- 6. Create innovation within the City to improve livability.
- Evaluate City operations to identify waste.
- Return to a policy making council focused on the community rather than the polarized, micro-managing council it has become in recent years.

I truly believe government is by the people for the people.

(This information furnished by Ted Kotsakis)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by Multnomah County.

(This information furnished by Leslie Moore)

### Council, Pos. 5



### NATALIE VORUZ

**OCCUPATION**: Federal

Government

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland Police Bureau, Police Records Technician; Emergency Medical Technician

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: College of the Canyons, Emergency Medical Technician, EMT

license.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** City of Fairview, Arts and Community Events Advisory Committee

I have lived in Fairview since 2000 and believe it is the best place to live and raise a family in East County. I want to expand my service to our community by seeking election to the Fairview City Council. Fairview needs responsible leaders who make smart, informed decisions to ensure Fairview remains a great community to live and work.

Fiscal responsibility and enhancing public safety need to be a priority. Fairview has been relying on shrinking reserve funds to balance the budget. Using reserve funds for standard operations is contrary to long-standing budget principals. I would explore options to increase revenue without relying on new taxes or fee increases. We need to encourage vacant land development. With intelligent revenue enhancement, we can stabilize the fiscal future of Fairview while protecting vital public services.

I have the first-hand public safety experience Fairview City Council needs. A proactive approach to public safety can reduce crime before it happens. Fairview needs to increase support for Neighborhood Watch programs and be open minded to input from citizens, identifying solutions to prevent crime. Fairview needs to listen to concerns of our residents and follow through by taking action. Increased local business can also increase public safety. Undeveloped land, over grown landscaping, and poorly lighted areas attract crime, vandalism, and violence. New business, lighting, landscaping and visible people decrease crime rate.

I would be honored to represent the citizens of Fairview, providing the economic, public safety, and leadership experience Fairview needs.

Endorsed by:

Fairview Business Association

Dan Kreamier - Fairview City Councilor

Steven Prom - Fairview City Councilor

Ted Tosterud - Fairview City Councilor

Tamie Arnold - Fairview City Councilor

Leslie Moore - PSAC Member, business owner

Steven A. Marker - PRAC Chair

Dean Hurford - Owner, Bumper's Grill & Bar

(This information furnished by Natalie Voruz)

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Council, Pos. 5



### KEITH A KUDRNA

**OCCUPATION:** Home Designer: Suntel Home

Designs

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Home Designer: Arbor Custom Homes; Home Designer, owner: K-2 Home Designs

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: David

Douglas High School, general studies, diploma; Phoenix Institute of Technology, Architectural / CAD Drafting, technical degree.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Fairview Planning Commission: 2006 to present; Fairview Budget Committe: 2012; Chairman of the Mayors Visioning Committee: 2014

I grew up in East Multnomah County and I have a deep love for this community. In 2001 my family moved to Fairview, and in 2006 I began volunteering on Fairview's Planning Commission. I have also served on the budget committee and volunteered in other areas of the city as well. During this time, I have been impressed with how well the city is run, but I see potential for growth.

I believe Fairview can grow into a community where people want to live and that offers a high quality of life. I believe that as a city we are at a crossroads, if we work together, and make the right decisions, we can see Fairview grow and improve to an even better community than it is.

One of the things that concerns me is the direction of Fairview's financial situation. When I was on budget committee we worked hard to create a balanced budget while keeping our reserves intact. Since then the city's reserve fund has been steadily decreasing, I understand we need to use reserves at times, but this steady decrease is concerning. To help increase the city's revenue, we can encourage development and new business. In September, I proposed a plan to City Council that has the potential to increase business in Fairview. If revenue increases, other amenities can be added to Fairview (for example, a skate park or an off leash dog park, things that benefit the whole community). It's time for a City Council that is up front, transparent in their actions and willing to work hard to make Fairview a better place to live.

Keith A Kudrna 9/8/14

(This information furnished by Keith A Kudrna)

Council, Pos. 6



### BRIAN L COOPER

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner - Cooper Tractor / Quality Diesel Parts 1992-Present; Founder -Friends of Fairview; Director -Fairview on the green festival

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: none

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Reynolds High School 1989; Mt Hood

Community Collage.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Fairview City Council 2012 - appointed; Regional Emergency preparededness committee; Fairview SOLVE event coordinator; USS Ranger feasibility committee; COPP volunteer (Citizens on Park Patrol)

Motto: Lead by example

Fairview needs a breath of fresh air, the troubles in Fairview have not gone unnoticed throughout the community and this election is the chance to change directions. Fairview needs strong leadership and someone willing to roll up their sleeves and be more than a body on the council.

For the last 2 years I have rolled up my sleeves, I've founded Friends of Fairview volunteer group, assumed control of Fairview's only community festival: Fairview on the Green. I have hosted Litter, graffiti cleanups, Solve Events, COPP member, Neighborhood meetings and charity events.

I want to bring Passion and community involvement back to city governing.

Economic development: Whether you are a city, a business or a volunteer group. Growing is essential. Whether it is through a package of business incentives than makes Fairview look attractive, a large promotion and marketing program to even as unique a community Festival that highlights our many businesses, I can do that

Public Safety: Sidewalk infrastructure is crumbling. Council chooses to pay off low interest water bond instead of investing in the community. City needs to be proactive, complete unfinished sidewalks and repair the damaged sidewalks before people get hurt. It's not just a matter safety it's a matter of pride and property values.

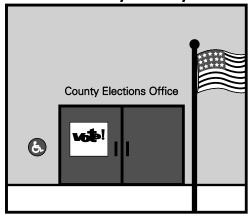
Livability: Together we are far better stewards of the community than we are apart. The council needs to do a better job bringing people together. If we all do our small part, we can have big successes. Our parks, our festivals, our community events all add to our great livability in Fairview

Fiscal Responsibility. I balanced the budget in 2012.

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(This information furnished by Brian L. Cooper)

# CITY OF GRESHAM

### Mayor



### SHANE T **BEMIS**

**OCCUPATION:** Gresham Mayor. Small-business owner.

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Restaurateur

**EDUCATIONAL** 

BACKGROUND: BA in Communications, Marylhurst University; GHS

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL **EXPERIENCE**: Mayor,

2007-present, Gresham City Councilor 2003-2007

Together, we have made great progress as a community:

Enhanced community amenities:
• Gradin Sports Park

- Gresham's Children's Fountain
- Improved Main City Park
- Springwater Trailhead
- Created a recreation program for kids in our parks
- Strengthening Public Safety:

   Sate-of-the-art Police Facility in Rockwood
  - Started a Citizen Volunteers in Policing Program
  - Held TriMet's feet to the fire on light rail safety, resulting in a dedicated and funded TriMet police precinct in
  - Successfully lobbied for East Metro Gang Enforcement Team funding, and federal grants funding police officers and firefighters

Strong progress on economic development and jobs:

- Launched a nationally recognized "Garage to Storefront" small business program during the worst economic recession of our time, helping attract 144 new or expanding businesses to Gresham's key commercial areas, filling over 225,000 square feet of previously vacant storefront space
- Through an industrial grant program in Rockwood, helped 15 businesses leverage over \$66 Million in private investment and create 380 new jobs

Provided prudent stewardship:

- Innovated our wastewater treatment plant to the verge of producing more energy than it consumes, helping hold utility rates down
- Reduced the City's greenhouse gas emissions by over 60 percent
- Underwent a multi-year community conversation regarding Gresham's unique revenue issues, helping increase financial viability in the future

Livability:

- Converted residential garbage pick-up to a fully carted system that allows commingled curbside recycling
- Created the Rental Housing Inspection Program, improving Gresham's rental stock and holding absentee
- landlords accountable
  Supported the creation of a dedicated police
  Neighborhood Enforcement Team
- www.greshamoregon.gov/RAD

Together, we have more to do. I will always push for Gresham to be the best community possible, and I will never settle for moderate progress. Everyone has a role to play in our community. I want to hear from you. Visit www. greshamoregon.gov/RAD

Shane Bemis

(This information furnished by Shane Bemis for mayor)

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### Council. Pos. 2



### KIRK FRENCH

**OCCUPATION:** Gresham City Councilor; Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce Finance Committee; Board member and CFO of Changing Perceptions, a non-profit that serves victims of domestic

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Forty-one years in the retail industry, starting as an employee

dispensing gas for Burns Bros Truck Stops in 1967 and promoted to President in 1992, moving onto Regional Vice President for Travel Centers of America.

### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: None

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Gresham Finance and Budget committee, 2011 to present; Gresham Citizen Involvement Committee, 2013 to present

Dear Neighbors,

Since 2013, I've been honored to serve as your City Councilor. I take great pride in representing such a diverse, yet steadfastly united community. It was this sense of community that first drew me to Gresham, and it's a desire to preserve it that has drawn me to City Council.

I am dedicated to safeguarding Gresham's economic vitality and ensuring the safety of all families by supporting our public service staff. I will continue to make sure that every tax dollar is spent effectively, and that every community feels supported.

I would be honored to receive your vote. If you have questions for me, please call 503-593-5565.

Sincerely,

Kirk French

"Kirk is committed to ensuring our community remains safe. Kirk's support of Police and Fire services means that we can continue to **keep Gresham safe**."

State Representative Greg Matthews

"As a longtime businesses leader, Kirk knows that taxpayer dollars must be spent wisely. He is committed to fiscal responsibility and to ensure spending provides measurable results and full accountability. Curt Hugo, Matino's Financial

Please join your Neighbors in Returning Kirk French to City Council

Endorsed by:

Gresham Mayor Shane T. Bemis Gresham City Councilors Stegmann, Echols, Hinton, McCormick, Palmero Shirley Craddick, Metro Councilor Matt Miller, General Manager, Gresham Sanitary

Bess Wills Lynn Snodgrass Sue O'Halloran Travis Stovall Joan Albertson Ebonie Johnson

Lila Leathers, President, Leathers Fuel Adam Reid, Origins Coffee, Tea and Desserts

Paul Warr-King

Keith Evans, Pastor, Greater Gresham Baptist Church

(This information furnished by Kirk French for City Council Committee)

# **CITY OF GRESHAM**

### Council, Pos. 4



### JENNIE L COCHRAN

**OCCUPATION:** Site Director, school aged children, YMCA Columbia Willamette Valley 2014

OCCUPATIONAL
BACKGROUND: Assistant
and then Site Director, school
aged children, YMCA Salem
2008 -2011; Volunteer, Rescue
Ranch Saddle Club, Scio
2010 – 2011; Volunteer, Turtle
Ridge Wildlife Rescue, Salem

2009; Volunteer, Humane Society of the Willamette Valley 2004-2005

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Douglas McKay High School; Chemeketa Community College, General Education, General Education Degree; Mt Hood Community College, Early Childhood Education

### PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

I am dedicated to preserving full funding of police and fire for our city by finding economies in the budget with the existing revenue stream. Emergency services are vitally important to families and individuals in crisis.

Since the murder of my sister Jessie in Gresham in 2013, the importance of funding emergency services is more personal to me. With a firm perspective of funding essential city services first, we can provide for our communities without having to add additional taxes and fees.

As a young wife and mother, I hope to bring a fresh perspective to the city council.

Endorsed by Oregon Firearms Federation Political Action Committee.

Council, Pos. 4



# MARIO A PALMERO

**OCCUPATION:** Case Manager for Department of Human Services

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Volunteer with AARP, SMART program, and Habitat for Humanity

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Mt. Hood Community College, Political Science, Associate of Arts;

Portland State University, Political Science/Sociology, BA Political Science.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Gresham City Council 2012 - present; Gresham Redevelopment Vice - Chair; Appointed - Planning Commission; Appointed - Design Committee; Appointed - Natural Resource and Sustainability Committee; Appointed - Transportation Subcommittee; Appointed - Gresham Redevelopment and Housing Subcommittee

I remain committed to representing all of the citizens and business owners of Gresham. I will continue to work diligently and to dedicate all of the time necessary to serve the community in an honest and fiscally responsible manner in order to continue the progress made as a city over the past two years. I will carry on the work with private and non profit organizations to help meet the needs and demands of our city. I will do this by leveraging the limited resources we have as a city in order for us to gain the maximum return for our investments.

I remain committed to building bridges of communication between local government and all the many diverse cultures in Gresham. I will continue to push for policies that will clean up our streets, provide parents with options for keeping their children out of gangs, providing structure, and a place to go after school hours; such as the Boys and Girls Club and the development of a community center.

If I am given the honor of continuing to represent the City of Gresham, I will hold firm to my commitment to help create a better future for our children, seniors, and working families of this community. You have my word that I will not try to reinvent the wheel, but will uphold to an efficient and responsive city that citizens can be proud of.

Endorsements Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson Rockwood Neighborhood Association President Catherine Nicewood

(This information furnished by Jennie Cochran)

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(This information furnished by Mario A. Palmero)

# **CITY OF GRESHAM**

### Council, Pos. 6



### LORI STEGMANN

OCCUPATION: Insurance

Agent/Owner

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Gresham City Council
President, 2014-Present;
Gresham Redevelopment
Commissioner, 2011-Present;
Stegmann Agency-Farmers
Insurance, 1993-Present

**EDUCATIONAL** 

**BACKGROUND:** Portland State University – B.S., Business Administration; Mt Hood Community College

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Gresham Redevelopment Commissioner Vice-Chair 2012-2013; Gresham Planning Commissioner 2009-2010; Gresham Redevelopment Commission Advisory Committee: Vice-Chair 2009-2010, committee member 2008-2009; Public Safety Committee and Gresham Sister City Association Liaison, 2011-Present

Community Service: Past chair – Plaza del Sol Community Events; Co-founder, past vice-chair/current member – Rockwood Business Coalition; Past board member/current member– Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce; Past president/current member – Soroptimist

During the past four years, I have worked hard to support:

### **Public Safety/Gang Prevention**

- Opening of Rockwood Public Safety Facility
- Boys & Girls Club and Friends of the Children locations in West Gresham

### **Economic Development**

- Gresham Vista Business Park largest contiguous state certified shovel-ready industrial site in region
- Streamlining our industrial review permitting process, guaranteeing one of the shortest review periods in the region, opening doors to investment and good jobs

### **Cost Saving Measures**

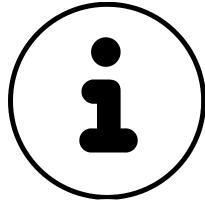
- Installation of LED streetlights and residential electronic water meters
- State of the art wastewater treatment plant

It has been an honor to serve on Council the past four years. Much has been accomplished during my term. Yet there is so much more work to be done. With your support, I will focus my energy on addressing the root causes of the issues that impact our City. I believe everyone deserves a home, a family-wage job, and a quality education. Through economic development and a "collective impact" approach we can improve the lives of many. There isn't one single answer to our problems. The answer lies in our collaborative efforts. My goal is to lead that charge in East County and invite everyone to the table.

# Lori Stegmann, Gresham City Council President

### Endorsements:

Gresham City Councilors Karylinn Echols, Jerry Hinton, Mike McCormick, Mario Palmero, Kirk French



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(This information furnished by Lori Stegmann)

# **CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO**

### City Councilor



### JACKIE MANZ

**OCCUPATION:** Edmunds/ Manz Consulting, Owner

OCCUPATIONAL
BACKGROUND: Community
Volunteer

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Portland
State University, Business
Administration - Marketing, BS.

### PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL

**EXPERIENCE:** City of Lake Oswego Budget Committee; Oregon Tourism Commission; Oregon Task Force on Historic Vitality; Oregon Sustainable Tourism Action Committee

I stand for neighborhoods. I stand for thoughtful fiscal conservancy to sustain our City for current and future citizens. I stand for sensible downtown and southwest development. I stand for a thriving business environment. I stand for personal property rights and believe that every property owner should be treated equally and with respect. I stand with our schools and support creative City and school partnerships. I stand for the citizens of Lake Oswego.

Endorsements:

Duncan Castle Jan Castle Michael Feinstein

### Adrianne Brockman

Our community has many sectors which must work together to maintain this wonderful city that I have enjoyed for 66 years. Jackie served as the chairperson of her neighborhood association for eight years and understands the importance of maintaining the character of our neighborhoods. She understands the importance of supporting our merchants and the importance of open space. Having served on the budget committee she also understands the City's finances and the importance of having a viable community. She is a good listener and I am supporting her with enthusiasm. - Adrianne Brockman

Jackie Manz has been a leader in Lake Oswego for many years. She was a leader in our schools. She was chair of the Hallinan Heights Neighborhood Association, where she still plays an important role, and she now sits on the Lake Oswego Budget Committee. She has many strong qualities, but the strongest is that she listens to the concerns of her neighbors and works hard to help them. She is highly community oriented. Jackie will tackle difficult tasks, working to accomplish them with diplomatic skill. She has spent many years making Hallinan a better place, and we are certain that she will do the same for Lake Oswego.

(This information furnished by Jackie Manz)

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### **City Councilor**



### ED BROCKMAN

**OCCUPATION:** Real Estate Broker specializing in residential land acquisition

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Retail Sales and Management

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Grants Pass High School – Diploma; Attended Oregon State University

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Lake Oswego Planning Commission and SW Employment District Task Force

### Vision, Integrity, Experience

I have been a Real Estate Broker for twenty four years developing my experience in land use planning. This background has allowed me to bring a unique perspective to the Lake Oswego Planning Commission, where I serve as vice-chair. My goal is to be an integral part of the City Council, helping to plan the city's future for the next generation of residents

My wife, Sharon, and I are proud to call Lake Oswego our home. For the last ten years we've been parenting our three teenage grandchildren, not only do they keep us young at heart, they bring much joy and laughter into our lives.

Some of the concepts I utilize:

- Nothing happens without leadership
- Don't just deal with problems but plan ahead to avoid them
- Say what you mean and mean what you say
- Market factors need to be considered in land use decisions
- Predictability is essential for residents and businesses alike
- Focus groups are a very effective way to formulate great ideas
- The loudest opinion may not represent the majority
- Change can be uncomfortable but the outcome is often beneficial

I have a great desire to listen and understand the needs, ideas, and concerns of the people of Lake Oswego. I pride myself on taking a pragmatic approach to problem solving, and find merit in varying perspectives. I personally do not believe a candidate should be judged by their opinion on one thing but more on the process in which they utilize to evaluate all decisions before them. Honesty, fairness, and mutual respect are paramount to the successful functioning and enjoyment of a united community.

I ask for your support. Please vote Ed Brockman for Lake Oswego City Council.

(This information furnished by Ed Brockman for Lake Oswego City Council)

# **CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO**

### **City Councilor**



### **JOE BUCK**

**OCCUPATION:** Business

Owner

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** 

Restaurateur; innkeeper; accountant; entrepreneur

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BBA-**Accounting, University of Portland

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: U.S. Coast Guard; Lake Grove Urban Renewal Plan Focus Group; L.O. Parks Plan 2025 Advisory Committee; Lake Oswego Marketing Committee

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Lake Grove Business Association Board of Directors

Joe Practices Balanced, Fiscally Responsible Leadership "As a successful, small business owner with over 100 employees, Joe believes in listening and making informed, fiscally sound decisions. He would bring vitally needed skills to the City Council."

-Rob LeChevallier, Shareholder/Attorney, Buckley Law P.C.

Joe Stands for Smart Progress

"With his extensive involvement with community planning, Joe understands the importance of balance between smart growth and preserving our city's strong residential character with a high level of municipal service.

Jon Gustafson, L.O. City Councilor

Joe knows Lake Oswego

"Joe was raised, educated and has lived in Lake Oswego for most of his life. He is a third generation Lake Oswego business owner. He understands the important links between LO schools, a vibrant business community and an informed, involved, citizenry.'
-Dee Denton

Lake Oswegans for Joe Buck

"Joe Buck is an intelligent, hardworking, financially savvy community leader and local business owner who will serve as a LO City councilor with honesty and integrity." -Drs. Bill & Ricky Korach

### Please join us in enthusiastically voting for Joe!

Donna Jordan, Jon Gustafson, William R. O'Neill, Lake Oswego City Councilors

State Representative Ann Lininger

Drs. Bill and Ricky Korach Judie Hammerstad Greg Macpherson Linda Brown Mark Birge Chris Schetky Rosie Stephéns Paul Lyons

Sarah Howell, LO School Board Member

Tris Denton Dee Denton Michael Denton III & Jeanne B. Denton Merrill and Ellie McPeak Robert LeChevallier Bill Tierney Bill Gaar

(This information furnished by Joe Buck For L.O.)

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**City Councilor** 



### **JEFF GUDMAN**

**OCCUPATION:** Businessman,

Investor

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Financial Analyst - Hyster Co.; Controller Magnetech, Treasurer - Oregon Natural Gas Development; Private Investor

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Pomona

College, B.A., Economics; University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business, M.B.A.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: City Council 2010 - 2014; Chair and Member - Lake Oswego Budget Committee; Chair - Lake Oswego Shuttle Transit Advisory Committee; Member - Lake Oswego - West Linn Aquatic Facility Task Force, Member - West End Building Task Force

**Protect and Improve our Community** 

Jeff Gudman has lived in Lake Oswego for 38 years and is proud of our great schools, clean water and community spirit. Jeff wants to ensure that our long-term community goals are being met while continuing to fund essential public services like police and fire protection.

Proven Effective Leadership

Jeff has the experience and necessary leadership. He understands we need effective leaders who seek reasonable, common-sense solutions. He listens and is open to new ideas and different viewpoints.

Fiscal Responsibility, Compassionate Volunteer
Jeff knows during tough economic times, government should be living within their means just as many of us must do. His experience on the budget committee reviewing city budgets has shown him that we can prioritize our spending to avoid needlessly raising taxes. As a community volunteer, Jeff has worked with our young people and the elderly and given his time and effort to make Lake Oswego a better place for

"I'm running for City Council because I care about protecting Lake Oswego's quality of life. I want to work with each cictizen, developing collaborative innovative and original decisions to the challenges the city faces. These challenges include maintaining and enhancing our basic infrastructure, converting the trolley line to a pedestrian/bike pathway, continuing the work of the Boones Ferry plan, and implementing neighborhood and downtown plans.

I want to bring people together to develop thoughtful, longterm solutions to challenges facing our community. I look forward to talking with you. I will be honored to have your vote." – Jeff Guďman

For More Information: http://vote4gudman.org

(This information furnished by Jeff Gudman)

# CITY OF MAYWOOD PARK

### Council



# MATTHEW P CASTOR

OCCUPATION: Senior Designer - Acme Scenic & Display, Portland, OR (paid); Owner/Artisan - Form Design Studio, Maywood Park, OR (paid)

OCCUPATIONAL
BACKGROUND: Senior
Designer North American
DTC - Nike, Inc, Beaverton,
OR (paid); Industrial and
Digital Director - SET Creative,

Portland, OR (paid); Project Manager - Savoy Studios, Portland, OR (paid); Bronze Foundry Manager - The Art Foundry, Sacramento, CA (paid); Studio Manager - Craig Kraft Studio, Washington, DC (paid)

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** University of Oregon, Visual Design, Master of Fine Arts; University of Wisconsin - Green Bay, Communication Processes & Electronic Media, Bachelor of Arts.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: City of Maywood Park 2014 Budget Committee

Maywood Park embodies what many growing cities have lost over the years. Strong community values, pride in our homes, and a connectedness with our neighbors. These things make for a place that is reminiscent of the neighborhoods in which so many of us were raised and are a part of why we all value that small town feel. I want to help ensure that as we move into the future, those qualities we value are not lost so our children will grow up learning what qualities truly make a great community.

If elected, I hope to:

- Maintain our strong relationships with Public Safety agencies
- Help to explore viable options for our communities aging individual onsite waste management systems.
- Help further plans for a new long term home for our city government.
- Develop partnerships & guidelines that will promote green energy incentives to our residents.
   Help improve the dissemination of information on local
- Help improve the dissemination of information on loca issues to maintain fairness and transparency in city government.
- government.

   Continue the improvement of our City's green spaces.

I would truly value the opportunity to serve on our council and thank you for your consideration.

- Matthew Castor

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(This information furnished by Matthew P. Castor)

# CITY OF TROUTDALE

### Councilor, Pos. 1



### **JOSH J MORIARTY**

**OCCUPATION:** Project Manager, Engineering Technician, and Business Analyst at the Port of Portland, 1998-Present

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Rose City Specialty Cars, Troutdale, 1990-1998; Engineering Technician, Crane & Merseth Engineering, 1998; Business Owner, Engineering

Technician, City of Troutdale, 1991-1997

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: MBA, University of Oregon 2012-2014; B.S in Management and Leadership, Portland State University, 2010-2012; General A.S. from Mt. Hood Community College throughout 1990-2005, Reynolds High School, class of 1990

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Troutdale Budget Committee, 2010-Present; Reynolds School District Budget Committee, 2013-Present

### A Fresh Start for a Stronger Future

### **Open Our Doors to Business**

Troutdale has so much to offer! We have the resources at our fingertips to make our great city competitive in economic development, but we need to expand opportunities for businesses to grow. When businesses grow, we create more local jobs and increase revenue.

With a stronger business community, we can move towards making Troutdale a thriving environment for us to live, work and raise our families.

**Build Partnerships** 

To move Troutdale forward we need to work together. By developing stronger partnerships between our local east county governments, businesses, and citizens, we can create a vision for Troutdale's future together.

Every day as a professional project manager, I build partnerships, set goals, achieve outcomes, lead diverse groups, manage risks, and get things done. I will bring those skills to City Council.

**Develop Financial Stability** 

Troutdale is doing better— but we're not there yet. As a member of budget committees, and former City of Troutdale employee, I've seen how important it is that we have the resources we need to fund vital City services like public safety, critical infrastructure, safe roads, parks and schools.

We need to ensure financial stability if we want to see positive growth and that starts with managing revenue and supporting our local businesses.

### **Endorsed By:**

Matt Wand, Former State Representative Dean Hurford, Troutdale Property Owner Dick Bertelsen, Business Owner, Troutdale Antique Mall

> Josh Moriarty for City Council www.moriarty4council.com

(This information furnished by Josh Moriarty For City Council)

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Councilor, Pos. 1



### DAVID **RIPMA**

**OCCUPATION:** Patent Lawyer; **Business Owner** 

OCCUPATIONAL

**BACKGROUND:** Research Engineer

**EDUCATIONAL** BACKGROUND: Georgetown University, Law, JD; University of Michigan, Engineering,

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Troutdale City Coucil; Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (Kitzhaber appointment); Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board (Kitzhaber appointment); Troutdale Planning Commission; Troutdale Parks Advisory Committee

The Troutdale Council is facing important decisions which affect city finances and our future livability. Citizens know I am always guided by what's best for Troutdale. I have volunteered on Troutdale city committees and the council for over 20 years. Experience has taught me to ask questions and consider issues carefully.

• Ensuring public safety in Troutdale is my number one priority. Whether the Sheriff or Troutdale Police patrol our city, they have my support.

I favor rehabilitating and reusing Troutdale's old city hall, if economically feasible. Troutdale already owns the building and land - it will cost less than building new or leasing, and the building is part of Troutdale history.

Keep local control of our parks and Municipal Court. Troutdale should not give our parks to a new taxing district or rely solely on the county to enforce our ordinances.

Market Troutdale to attract good development encourage high-quality business and housing development.

Please join the following supporters, who work for Troutdale's businesses and volunteer for greenspace and preservation groups and government, and reelect David Ripma.

Tanney Staffenson - Chair, Troutdale Budget Committee & member, Troutdale Planning Commission

Brian Sheets, Vice Chair, Troutdale Budget Committee & member, Troutdale Planning Commission

Zach Hudson - Chair. Troutdale Citizens Advisory Committee & member, Troutdale Budget Committee

Marv Woidyla, member, Troutdale Planning Commission

Rich Allen - Troutdale City Councilor

Glenn White - Troutdale City Councilor

Marilee Thompson - Troutdale Historical Society Treasurer & member, Troutdale Parks Advisory Committee

Jean Ice - board member, Troutdale Historical Society & Real Estate Broker

Max Maydew - President, Maydew & Company

John Lowell - member, Troutdale Budget Committee; Troutdale Citizens Advisory Committee & Troutdale Historic Landmarks Commission

Audrey Lowell - member, Troutdale Historic Landmarks Commission

### REELECT COUNCILOR DAVID RIPMA

(This information furnished by David Ripma)

# CITY OF TROUTDALE

### Councilor, Pos. 3



### LARRY **MORGAN**

**OCCUPATION:** Real Estate Broker

### OCCUPATIONAL **BACKGROUND:**

Entrepreneur; Founder, Students for America's Future

### **EDUCATIONAL**

BACKGROUND: Open Door Christian Academy; MHCC; Wheaton College

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Troutdale Citizen Advisory Committee; President, MHCC ASG; Governor Kitzhaber's Post-Secondary Education Team (2010-2011)

### Larry Morgan: An Independent Mind for an Independent **Future**

Troutdale is a home to all of us, but our future is dependent upon the people we choose to elect. If we keep sending the same people to represent us, then how can we expect anything to get better? Troutdale is a city with a government, not the other way around. This election will decide who we want to become and who will be leading that future. What Troutdale needs is new leadership and fresh ideas.

- Job Creation and Economic Development

   Troutdale's urban renewal project will help spur economic development and create LOCAL jobs.
  - A partnership between Mt. Hood Community College and local businesses, making possible again the idea of living and working in Troutdale.

### Safety

- Maintaining our essential services is my highest objective. Public safety should never be compromised!
- Empowering Troutdale residents to help eradicate human trafficking in our region.

- Modernizing Government Infrastructure
   Revamping the "Open for Business Program," to better support our businesses.
  - Streamlining city services to save taxpayer's money, and to make the city work for all of us.

### Please visit www.electlarrymorgan.com or call me at 971-220-1864

In the end it's simple, there are people that run for office to bring change and those who run for office and are changed. I want to thank you for the opportunity to earn your vote; I know there is a lot we can accomplish together.

Larry

### That's why I have the support of both Democrat and Republican leaders...

Laurie Monnes Anderson, State Senator

Chris Gorsek, State Representative

Mary Starrett, Yamhill County Commissioner

Rich Allen, Troutdale City Councilor

Scott Hansen, Former State Senate Candidate

East Metro Association of Realtors

(This information furnished by Friends of Larry Morgan)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by Multnomah County.

### Councilor, Pos. 3



### NORM **THOMAS**

**OCCUPATION:** Software Engineer (ADP since 1983).

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: U.S. Army

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Graduated Centennial High School 1972; Graduated Portland Community College 1983 (A.A.S. Applications Computer Programming; A.S. General

Studies); Continuing Education Mt. Hood Community College (Business Administration)

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Troutdale City Council (2003-Present); Troutdale Planning Commission 2002; Troutdale Citizen Advisory Committee 1994-2001(Chair 2000); Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission 1996-present (Chair 1998-2000 and 2006-2009).

"Norm has earned respect over the years as a level-headed leader and was appointed Council President". – Mayor Doug Daoust.

**"I want to help"**. Troutdale is growing and how it grows is important. It requires proper management to preserve the livability of Troutdale for everyone. Promoting community involvement and business relationships, are key to the decision making process. I strongly believe that citizen involvement is essential to maintaining Troutdale as a desirable community to live in.

### Personal Background:

- U.S. Army 1972 to 1981 (Honorable Discharge)
- Married Charlene in 1974; We have two children and three grandchildren. Both children graduated from Reynolds High School.
- Troutdale resident since 1992
- Involved in local churches since 1981
- Board Member of the Troutdale Boosters/Oregon River Safety Program 2001 - 2010.
- Board Member of the Troutdale Lions Club since 2000 -2010
- Board Member Eagle Creek Foursquare Church since 2008

### Goals:

- Increase citizen input and participation. Communication
- is the necessary Key to guide the future of Troutdale. Responsible economic development by working cooperatively with both the public and private sectors to meet Troutdale's needs.
- Work with other local governments to insure Troutdale and East County needs are met.
- Keep public safety (Police and Fire protection) as top priority.

  To maintain a high standard of livability for Troutdale.

www.normthomas.com

(This information furnished by Norm Thomas)

# CITY OF TROUTDALE

### Councilor, Pos. 5



### RICH ALLEN

OCCUPATION: Engineer,

Microchip

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Sr. Analyst, On Semiconductor

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: CascadeHS, General studies, Diploma; Sno-Isle Vocational, Circuit design / Programming, Certificate; USAF/ANG, Radar

/ Telecommunications, Certificate; Various Schools, Chemistry / Mathematics / Prlgramming.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Troutdale City Council; Citizen Advisory Committee; Budget Committee

This election is important. You will decide if Troutdale belongs to all of us, or a few who want absolute control. It's a conscious choice that will be made in this election. I kept my promise to stand up for your best interests. I have my cell phone on the City website for anyone to contact me. I've appreciated the differing views that many have shared. We truly are a community that cares.

### Current watch issues:

- There is an effort to absorb our parks into a regional park system. People outside our area are working hard to get a grass roots effort started. They are figuring out what you want to hear, but in the end you will pay more and lose control over your own park system, which is one of the finest around.
- Contracting our Police through the Sheriff's office is a big decision. One I'm not willing to make without your guidance. My job will be to inform you of what I know and listen for your feedback.
- and listen for your feedback.
  A new City Hall isn't going to be cheap. Should we restore the old City Hall, or build a new one? A small group of people want to replace me because I wouldn't commit to building a new City Hall without a public process, a balanced budget, or a means identified to pay for it.
- Urban Renewal. Please watch this carefully to ensure this is done fair and with Public involvement. There is potential good for all.

Awarded: USAF Meritorious Service Medal

Endorsements: Kathy Clancy-Troutdale Barber Shop-Barber; Steve Means; Tanney Staffenson; Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson; Glenn White-Troutdale City Councilor; David Ripma, Troutdale City Councilor; Claude Cruz, Owner & Lead Designer, Marco Polo Designs Jewelry; Saul Pompeyo, Restaurateur

(This information furnished by Re-Elect Rich Allen)

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Councilor, Pos. 5



### RAY EPPLEY

**OCCUPATION:** Self Employed - Eppley & Associates; Sales and Marketing Consulting

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Wholesale Flooring Distribution; Executive Management - VP of Sales and Marketing

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Zanesville (Ohio) High School - Diploma;

Ohio University (Zanesville Branch)

### PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

- I have run a successful business with over a hundred employees
- I will bring a fresh and professional thought process to the council
- I want to protect our unique quality of life and help make sure more of our neighbors can work closer to home
- I am careful with money, know how to manage a budget and will not raise taxes
- I will work hard to make sure that our City Government puts good customer service as its priority
- I will help to amend our city laws to make them clear, understandable and more reasonable for our neighbors

### **Endorsements**

Tip Hanzlik – Owner Diamond Darcy's Realty By Referral Dan Kreamier – Fairview City Counselor Bruce Ray – Owner Troutdale Transmission & Auto Dean Hurford Joe Thomas – Alliance Plumbing

(This information furnished by Ray Eppley)

# EAST MULTNOMAH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DIST.

Director, At Large 2



### NELLIE McADAMS

**OCCUPATION:** Staff Attorney and Next Generation Program Director; Friends of Family Farmers, an advocacy organization and resource hub for family-scale farmers in Oregon; 2011-2014

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Store Manager; Urban Farm Store in Portland; 2010-2011; Farmworker; Dancing Roots

Farm in Troutdale; 2008-2009

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Lewis & Clark Law School, Env. & Natural Resources Law, JD; Dartmouth College, Philosophy, BS; Wilson High School, Graduate.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Legislative Assistant; Representative (now Speaker) Tina Kotek; 2007-2008; Legal Assistant; Oregon Department of Justice Family Law Section: 2006-2007

As someone who has dedicated my work to land stewardship, I have the passion and ability to serve as a Director of the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District (EMSWCD).

I grew up part-time on a farm in Gaston, Oregon, where I continue to work and help farm my family's land. My agricultural background helped inspire my commitment to the preservation of working lands and prime soils near Urban Growth Boundaries. Permanently preserving such land from development via conservation easements is a priority project for me as Staff Attorney at Friends of Family Farmers (FoFF) and for EMSWCD through their easement program.

As FoFF's Next Generation Program Director, I also assist future farmers. I coordinate the iFarm landlink program, which connects farmers to land, and the FarmON! program, which connects beginning farmers to continuing education and community. EMSWCD's Headwaters Incubator Program readies the next generation of farmers for success. As an EMSWCD Director, I would help ensure that this program continues to recruit and prepare our district's beginning

I am also dedicated to natural resource conservation and would help guide EMSWCD's programs that enable district landholders to protect their water, soil, and natural habitats. And I would strongly support EMSWCD's education programs for landholders, visitors, and youth - especially socially-disadvantaged community members.

It would be an honor to serve in this position. Thank you for your consideration.

**Endorsements:** 

Oregon League of Conservation Voters Laura Masterson, EMSWCD Michael Guebert, Associate Director, EMSWCD Allison Hensey, Associate Director, EMSWCD

(This information furnished by Nellie McAdams)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by Multnomah County.

Director, Zone 3



### MICHAEL GUEBERT

OCCUPATION: Landfill & Environmental Supervisor, Metro; Co-owner and farmer, Terra Farma

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Environmental Specialist, Metro

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Humboldt State University, Geology, B.A.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Associate Director, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation Disctrict

As an Associate Director for the past two years at the East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, it has been a pleasure to work with such a dedicated staff and Board of Directors who are all providing a valuable service to the district. As a farmer, I truly appreciate the work done by the district to help landowners improve their soil and pastures and to work on eradication of noxious weeds. As a lifelong advocate for conservation and environmental education, I am humbled to be part of an organization that is working so hard to make our world a better place.

I am asking for your vote so that I can continue working to advocate for farms in Multnomah County and for the following district programs:

**Headwaters Incubator Program:** There is a rapidly growing small farm movement across the country, but a major impediment is access to affordable land. Headwaters is a district-owned farm east of Gresham where farmers can access affordable land for four years to establish and grow their farm business. I am very excited to continue supporting and growing this program.

**Outdoor School:** The EMSWCD has provided emergency funding to avert further cuts to this important program. I look forward to supporting the ongoing effort being led by the district to secure permanent funding for a full week of outdoor school for all district students.

Land Conservation: As a member of the Land Conservation Committee, I look forward to continue working on the protection of both farmland and natural resource lands through acquisition and easements.

Endorsed by the following EMSWCD Directors: Bob Sallinger Dianna L. Pope Jill Kuehler Laura Masterson Rick Till

(This information furnished by Michael Guebert)

# WEST MULTNOMAH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DIST.

Director, At Large 1



**OCCUPATION:** Associate professor and Extension agent, Oregon State University

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: I have a strong background in natural resource conservation through formal study and professional experience as an educator, small-scale farmer, and landscaper.

In my current position as an associate professor and Extension agent for Oregon State University, I manage the popular Master Gardener (™) program for the tricounty Portland metro area. We provide research-based information to consumers about problems in the garden and landscape and household pests. This public service promotes sustainable practices that minimize risks to human health and the environment. I also help to educate new and aspiring farmers to responsibly steward natural resources and build small-scale enterprises through OSU's Beginning Urban Farmer Apprenticeship (BUFA).

In the past, I served as a middle and high school science teacher. I helped to promote science literacy and inspire the next generation to conserve natural resources. I have also worked as a farm manager and landscaper for many years.

My current and previous professional experiences both inspire and prepare me to serve as Director for West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** San Jose State University, Environmental Studies, MS; Lewis and Clark College, Biology, BS

### PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

I have served as an Associate Director for West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District for three years and have learned a lot about the important mission of the district and its operations. I have recently been appointed on an interim basis as Director At-Large and have been elected by the Board of Directors to serve as Treasurer for the District. If elected, I will bring my passion for natural resource conservation, community education, and responsible fiscal management to the District. I hope to help steward the District into the future!

Director, At Large 2

NO PHOTO SUBMITTED SHAWN S LOONEY

**OCCUPATION:** Retired

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Speech-Language Pathologist, Portland Public Schools

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State University, Speech-Language Pathology, Master of Science/CCC-SLP; Portland State University, Speech

State University, Speech communication, Bachelor of Science; Roosevelt High School, Diploma.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Associate Director, West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

Conservation Districts have the important task of helping to protect our regions' natural resources. In my association with West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District I have seen the incredible work the District does to help owners of properties both small and large enhance the health of their land. Improving water and soil quality creates a ripple effect, helping to establish healthier habitats for pollinators and other wildlife. I am proud to be associated with WMSWCD and look forward to doing my part to support their mission.

(This information furnished by Weston Miller)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by Multnomah County.

(This information furnished by Shawn S. Looney)

# **WEST MULTNOMAH SWCD**

Director, Zone 5



### TERRI PREEG RIGGSBY

OCCUPATION: Performance Auditor: Oregon Secretary of State; Zone 5 Director, Board Vice-Chair, and Budget Committee Chair: West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District; Board Member: Tryon Creek Watershed Council; PTA Communications Coordinator: Hayhurst Elementary/Odyssey Program

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Campaign Treasurer: Amanda for Portland; Woods Parks Advocates Member; Co-Chair: Southwest Parent-Child Collective; Natural Resource Conferences Program Assistant: Executive Leadership Institute; Energy Management Specialist: Hollywood Entertainment Corporation; Volunteer: Portland Farmer's Market.

Awards: Spirit of Portland, Sandy Diedrich Environmental Award; 1,000 Friends of Oregon Innovator Award; Southwest Neighborhoods Incorporated Environmental Volunteer of the Year Award

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State University, Public Administration/Natural Resource Policy, MA; Executive Leadership Institute (PSU), Watershed Management Program, Graduate Certificate; James Madison University, Journalism, BA.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Barbur Boulevard Concept Plan Community Work Group; Capital Highway Citizen Advisory Committee; Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Lower Willamette West Small Grant Committee; City of Portland Natural Resource Enhancement Project Permit Streamlining Committee; Southwest Neighborhoods Incorporated Small Grant Committee.

Dear Voter.

I am excited to continue working with WMSWCD to address the natural resource challenges in Multnomah County, encourage strong connections between the Board, landowners and residents, and local government, and find ways to bring in dollars to help urban and rural citizens complete voluntary conservation projects.

### I have:

- Collaborated on winning close to \$1 million in grants in the District;
- Partnered to involve 1,000's of volunteers in habitat improvements projects on private and public properties;
- Effectively worked with the Cities of Portland and Lake Oswego, Metro, OWEB, ODOT, United States Fish and Wildlife Service and local non-profits.

Together we can work to restore our important urban streams for wild Coho and Steelhead, support pollinator and bird habitat with native gardens, and ensure vibrant, local food production on Sauvie Island and throughout our District.

Thank you, Terri Not all the candidates or measures in this Voters' Pamphlet will be on your ballot.

Your residence address determines those districts for which you may vote. Your official ballot will contain the candidates and issues which apply to your residence.



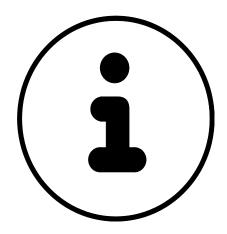
Not all candidates submitted information for the Voters' Pamphlet so you may have candidates on your ballot that are not in the Voters' Pamphlet

(This information furnished by Terri Preeg Riggsby)

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Measure arguments are filed by proponents and opponents of measures.

# CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

### Measure 3-452

### **BALLOT TITLE**

Charter amendments regarding elections to approve new or widened roads

**Question:** Shall the City Charter be amended regarding signatures, and degree of road-widening, necessary to require elections approving road projects?

**Summary:** This measure was referred to the ballot by the Lake Oswego City Council.

The Lake Oswego Charter currently requires a city-wide election to approve construction of any "major road" or "major road expansion" if an election request is signed by at least 25 registered City voters. This ballot measure increases the required number of signatures to at least three percent of all registered City voters (under current registration numbers, 758 signatures).

The Charter defines "major road" as any new road having pavement over 32 feet wide. This will remain unchanged.

The Charter currently defines "major road expansion" as increasing the pavement width of an existing road by any amount, if the road will be over 20 feet wide after the widening. It does not include road maintenance or repair that does not significantly increase road width. This ballot measure changes the definition of "major road expansion" to mean increasing pavement width to add at least one new automobile traveling lane extending for at least 500 feet.

A "yes" vote amends the Charter as described.

### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

### Section 40, Lake Oswego Charter

Section 40 of the City Charter prohibits the city from authorizing construction of a "major road" or "major road expansion" without first publishing and posting notices, and notifying abutting property owners and all neighborhood associations. If, within 30 days of the notice, documents are filed that include signatures of at least 25 registered city voters "indicating that they refuse to waive an election," a city-wide election must be held, asking voters to approve the route, width, length and general design of the "major road" or "major road expansion."

Section 40 defines "major road" as any new road having pavement over 32 feet wide. A "major road expansion" means increasing the pavement width of an existing road by any amount, if the road will be over 20 feet wide after the widening. It does not include road maintenance or repair that does not significantly increase road width.

The ability to proceed with a public or private development project involving any amount of road pavement widening (if the road is already, or will be, over 20 feet wide) remains uncertain for at least the period of the required noticing process and signature-gathering opportunity, and potentially through the date of a future city-wide election. Unless held on a general or primary election date, the city must pay for the election.

The City Council's purpose in proposing changes to Section 40 is to require demonstration of a greater level of citizen concern, and to require a greater threshold of proposed pavement-widening, before the described delay and potential city-wide election can be required. Another purpose is to reduce the difference between the significance of projects that trigger potential election requirements for new roads (over 32 feet wide) as compared with road expansions (any widening, if resulting pavement is over 20 feet wide).

### **Proposed Amendments to Section 40**

### 1. Signature Requirements

The minimum number of signatures necessary to require a Section 40 election will be increased to three percent of all registered city voters (758 signatures under registration numbers as of the time this ballot measure was referred), in place of the current minimum of 25 signatures. By comparison, a city initiative petition requires the signatures of 15 percent of registered city voters, and a city referendum petition requires 10 percent.

### 2. Amount of Pavement-Widening Necessary to Trigger Election Requirements

The Section 40 definition of "major road expansion" will be changed to mean increasing the pavement width of an existing road to add at least one new automobile traveling lane extending for at least 500 feet. Projects that widen the pavement of existing roads by lesser amounts, or widen pavement for shorter stretches of a road, will no longer be subject to potential city-wide elections.

### **Effect of the Ballot Measure**

A "yes" vote amends Section 40 of the City Charter as described. The remainder of Section 40, including the definition of "major road," will remain the same.

A "no" vote leaves Section 40 unchanged.

Submitted by
Catherine Schneider
City Recorder
City of Lake Oswego

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

# CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

### Measure 26-452 Arguments

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**Updating Our Charter** 

About 35 years ago, residents of Lake Oswego fought to keep Highway 217 from running all the way to Boones Ferry Road. They were successful but decided to prevent any future "surprise" road widening projects by submitting a Charter Amendment to the voters. The Amendment (Section 40 of the Charter) was passed.

When this Charter Amendment was adopted, there was legitimate concern that major road projects within the City could take place without citizen input. Now the City is mostly built out, citizen involvement is substantially more ingrained in our planning processes and there are far more requirements for road projects of any size to proceed. A special election on road widening can cost as much as \$18,000.

The City Council has decided it is time to amend Section 40 to better define a major road expansion project and to require a greater level of citizen concern to petition for a citywide vote on road widening and major new road projects.

- 1) Will citizens still have the ability to vote on major road expansion projects? Yes.
- 2) What will be the definition of a major road expansion project? A major road project must be at least 500 feet in length and create a new travel lane.
- 3) What will the new signature requirement be to bring about a citywide vote? The new requirement is based on the number of registered Lake Oswego voters as of the submission date of the petition. The threshold will be 3% of that number. In contrast, a referendum requires signatures of 10% of registered voters and an initiative requires 15%.

We urge the citizens of Lake Oswego to vote yes on this Charter Amendment that will bring our Charter up to date while still retaining the ability of the citizens to require a citywide vote on major road expansion projects.

Mayor Kent Studebaker

Councilors Karen Bowerman, Jon Gustafson, Jeff Gudman, Lauren Hughes, Donna Jordan and Skip O'Neill

(This information furnished by Lake Oswego City Council)



# NEED ASSISTANCE IN VOTING?

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Multnomah County Elections

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E-mail elections@multco.us

### **Measure 26-159**

Referred to the People by the City Council

### BALLOT TITLE

Bonds to fix playgrounds, trails; improve park facilities, safety, accessibility.

Question: Shall Portland fix, improve park facilities by issuing bonds estimated to maintain current tax rate; require audits and public oversight? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Summary:** Measure would authorize \$68,000,000 in general obligation bonds for Portland Parks & Recreation facilities. Because previous bonds are scheduled to be repaid, City's parks bond tax rate is not expected to increase from current rate of \$0.0877 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Anticipated projects include fixing, improving:

- 10 to 20 play areas currently closed, at risk of closure, or deficient, including Couch, Creston, Kenton, Lents, Lynchview, North Park Blocks, Ventura parks
- Trails, bridges, including in Forest Park
- Community pools, including Matt Dishman, Peninsula, Grant Sellwood Park buildings, Rieke Field, Multnomah
- Arts Center, St. Johns Community Center
- Restrooms, roofs, other deficient parks, structures, and equipment
- Pioneer Courthouse Square failing structures, leaks,
- Barriers to accessibility for people with disabilities
- Park maintenance facilities to address worker safety, efficiency

Funds are for repairs and other capital costs, not park operations. A five-member oversight committee will review bond expenditures, provide annual reports. Bonds may be issued in multiple series; audits required.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Measure would allow the City of Portland to issue up to \$68 million in general obligation bonds and to use the money from the bonds for capital costs, including repairs and improvements, for facilities owned or operated by Portland Parks & Recreation. The projects to be funded by this measure are planned to include, but are not limited to: fixing or improving play areas that are either currently closed, at risk of closure, or deficient, in up to twenty (20) parks; repairing. replacing or improving trails and bridges in parks, including in Forest Park; repairs to community swimming pools at Matt Dishman Community Center, Peninsula Park and Grant Park; capital repairs to Sellwood Park buildings, Rieke Field, Argay tennis courts, the Multnomah Arts Center and St. Johns Community Center; fixing, improving and building restrooms at Bloomington, Couch, Colonel Summers, Ed Benedict, Glenwood, Lynchview, Mount Tabor, Parklane, Ventura and Wilkes Parks; fixing, replacing and improving roofs, and other deficient parks, park structures and park equipment; repairing leaks, cracks and failing structures at Pioneer Courthouse Square; removing barriers to accessibility for people with disabilities; and making improvements, repairs or renovations to Parks maintenance facilities to address worker safety and efficiency.

All of the funds would be used for capital repairs and other capital costs, not for day-to-day Parks operations.

An oversight committee will be appointed to review bond expenditures and to report annually to the Council. The Measure also directs the Council to provide for performance audits to ensure that projects funded by the bonds are consistent with voter intent.

In 1994, the voters approved a bond measure for parks and recreation. The final payment on the bonds authorized by that measure will be made before taxes are levied to pay principal and interest on bonds authorized by this Measure.
The City estimates that the tax rate on the bonds authorized by this Measure will not exceed the rate levied in the last year of repayment of the bonds authorized in 1994, which is estimated to be \$0.0877 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or approximately \$13 per year on a home with the median assessed value of \$152,890. Taxes imposed to pay the principal and interest on the bonds would not be subject to the rate limitations of Sections 11 and/or 11b of Article XI of the Oregon Constitution. If this Measure is not approved, taxes for repayment of parks bonds will not be assessed, once taxes have been collected for the final repayment of the outstanding honds

Submitted by:

City of Portland City Council Commissioner Amanda Fritz

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

# Measure 26-159 Arguments - Continued

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

"Please join me in voting Yes on the 2014 Parks Replacement Bond.

Measure 26-159 will fix some of our most urgent repair needs, and it

will not increase your tax rate from what it is today."

- Amanda Fritz, City Commissioner

Dear neighbor,

As a mother and lifelong park advocate, I've enjoyed our wonderful parks that were built over the last century with voter-approved bonds. Portlanders last passed a Parks Bond in 1994. That bond expires next year and will be paid off. That means if you vote Yes on Measure 26-159, we can fix our parks' most urgent needs, and it will not increase your tax rate from what it is today.

Parks facilities such as playgrounds, pools, trails and other amenities have finite life spans. The sad truth is, our Parks bureau doesn't have adequate funding to replace them.

You and I both care about spending taxpayers' money wisely. That's why if Measure 26-159 passes, it requires a citizen oversight panel and annual reports, as well as audits.

Measure 26-159 will fund dozens of repair projects: playgrounds, trails and bridges, and community pools. Removing barriers to access for people with disabilities, worker safety, Pioneer Courthouse Square, restrooms and other urgent major maintenance needs.

If this measure does not pass, we won't have enough funding for major maintenance in parks, which will mean more closures like the ones that have already happened at Couch Playground and the Maple Trail in Forest Park. Our pools and other community facilities will be at risk of emergency closure when equipment fails.

We need to make a smart investment now to keep our parks safe and open.

Over the last century, Portland has created and maintained our parks system through bond measures and levies. Today, as your Parks Commissioner, I ask you to join me in continuing this legacy, without increasing tax rates. FIND OUT MORE AT WWW.FIXOURPARKS.ORG

Please vote yes on Measure 26-159.

Amanda Fritz, City Commissioner

(This information furnished by Commissioner Amanda Fritz)

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Join the AUDUBON SOCIETY OF PORTLAND, DEPAVE, FOREST PARK CONSERVANCY, FRIENDS OF MT. TABOR PARK, FRIENDS OF TRES, OREGON LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS OREGON WILD, PORTLAND PARKS FOUNDATION, TRACKERS EARTH, THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, and VERDE

**VOTE YES ON Measure 26-159** 

We have fought to protect the health of Portland's environment

and community for decades. Measure 26-159 is a critical opportunity to fix our parks—keeping them safe and open for this generation and the next.

MAKE A SMART INVESTMENT: SAME TAX RATE

Measure 26-159 is a smart investment. By making critical repairs in our parks now, we can reduce bigger costs later. If we don't act, we risk more closures and safety failures.

What's more, to make sure your tax dollars are spent wisely, Measure 26-159 requires an oversight committee and audits.

Because 26-159 replaces the last parks bond—passed in 1994—we have the opportunity to address critical park needs

without increasing the tax rate.

# KEEP PLACES TO PLAY, HIKE, SWIM AND WORK SAFE & OPEN

Every child needs a safe and accessible place to play. But Portland has too many play structures rated in poor or very poor condition that need to be repaired or replaced.

Several of our city's most popular trails are partially or fully closed—or at risk of closure—due to needed repairs.

Many of our pools' mechanical equipment systems are nearing failure.

Two maintenance facilities need to be brought up to fire-lifesafety standards to save money and increase efficiency.

### Measure 26-159 would:

- · repair and replace 10 to 20 playgrounds
- repair trails and bridges to preserve access to natural areas
- · invest in pools to prevent closures
- increase worker safety through critical repairs at maintenance facilities
- and make many more critical repairs including accessibility upgrades

All without raising the current tax rate.

These are among the many reasons parks and environmental advocacy organizations SAY YES ON MEASURE 26-159.

(This information furnished by Fix Our Parks, a project of the Conservation Campaign)

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Teachers and Parents are voting YES on Measure 26-159 Keeping our parks safe and open is good for Portland's vouth

youth
Let's preserve our legacy by handing our parks down to
the next generation

During recess, after school, on the weekends, and in summer: **Every child needs a safe and accessible place to play**. The Parks Replacement Bond would invest at least \$5M to renovate, replace, and build 10 to 20 play structures that are closed, at risk of closure or deficient—without raising the current tax rate.

**Playgrounds** identified for repair or replacement so far include:

- Couch
- Creston
- Kenton
- Lents
- LynchviewNorth Park Blocks
- Ventura

And if voters approve the parks replacement bond, we can ensure Matt Dishman Community Center, Peninsula Park, and Grant Park **community swimming pools** stay open by updating the mechanical systems and repairing the plaster. Rieke field in Southwest Portland will reopen as a **safe place to play soccer.** Forest Park's Maple Trail and Lower Macleay trail will be repaired, so families can access all of our **open spaces and natural areas.** The bond funding would also improve or install park **restrooms**, and many more necessary projects. Please visit <a href="https://www.FixOurParks.org">www.FixOurParks.org</a> for a list of projects.

And this opportunity is unique—Measure 26-159 <u>will not increase tax rates</u>, because it would replace a bond that will be paid off next year. If we don't approve it, taxes would go down by about \$13 a year for the average homeowner—but without enough parks funding, community spaces like playgrounds and pools would be at risk of closing.

Parks are important places for children and families, and they

# Measure 26-159 Arguments - Continued

improve our neighborhoods' livability. Let's fix our parks, and keep them safe and open for everybody—without increasing tax rates for Portland's hardworking families.

Portland Association of Teachers Friends of Outdoor School Grant High School PTA
Metropolitan Learning Center PTSA Ventura Park Elementary PTA Creston School PTA

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### **NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATES ACROSS PORTLAND** AGREE:

Measure 26-159 is worth supporting

"Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. supports the Parks Replacement Bond.

-motion approved by the Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. board on August 27

"We as a SE Area Parks Committee join other neighborhood organizations in supporting the Parks Replacement Bond.'

motion approved by the Southeast Uplift Area Parks Committee on August 29

"Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods supports the Parks Replacement Bond.

-motion approved by the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods board on September 3

"The North Portland Parks Committee supports the Portland Parks Replacement Bond."

-motion approved by the North Portland Parks Committee on September 3

"Central Northeast Neighbors supports the parks replacement bond"

-motion approved by the Central Northeast Neighbors board on September 3

"We as the East Portland Parks Coalition join other neighborhood organizations in supporting the Parks Replacement Bond.'

-motion approved by the East Portland Parks Coalition on September 4

Plus individual neighborhood associations across Portland. Visit FixOurParks.org/endorsements to see the full list.

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### PORTLAND'S PARKS ARE GOOD BUSINESS-**VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-159**

Portland's incredible park system makes our neighborhoods vibrant. And vibrant, strong communities are good for Portland's economy, especially our city's small businesses.

### A SMART INVESTMENT

That's why small businesses are supporting Measure 26-159. The Parks Replacement Bond will fix our parks, taking care of what we already have in a responsible way.

The funds will go to major maintenance needs—the things that are already broken, or at risk of breaking, like playgrounds, pools, and trails. Fixing those things now is a smart investment; Repairs don't get cheaper as time passes.

### A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Portland's "general fund" pays for basic operations and dayto-day maintenance, but there's not enough funding for parks' major repairs—playground equipment failures, restroom roof

leaks, or pool system breakdowns. So when something gets old, it gets patched, re-patched, and when patching is no longer an option, it's suddenly closed.

Fortunately. Portland voters have built and maintained our parks system through bonds and levies for over 100 years. This November, we have a unique opportunity to continue this legacy, and keep Portland a city of parks without raising tax rates, by replacing a bond that's being paid off. For a list of urgent repairs and access needs that will be addressed, visit fixourparks.org.

### **GOOD FOR BUSINESS**

We have a wonderful and cost-effective parks system—one that relies more heavily on volunteerism than any other, and one that Portland voters have voted time and again to invest in. Our parks contribute to our City's economy in a positive way-but we have to take care of them.

Let's approve the funds necessary to keep parks safe and open-vote YES on Measure 26-159.

Tom Kelly Brian Dibble Norma Hanlon Owner/President C.O.O. & Co-owner President Neil Kelly Inc. Kobos Coffee **HB** Design

Gail Snow Justin Yuen Vice President President HB Design FMYI, Inc

> (This information furnished by Fix Our Parks, a project of the Conservation Campaign)

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### A PARKS SYSTEM...FOR EVERYONE

If you care about making our parks more accessible for children, adults and seniors with disabilities or mobility challenges,

please vote yes on Measure 26-159 to fix our parks!

From playgrounds to community centers, and pools to community gardens, there's something for everyone in Portland's park system.

Unfortunately, not everyone has equal access to what Portland's parks have to offer.

A preliminary citywide assessment has already identified more than 20,000 ADA barriers to access in Portland's parks. Examples include:

- 2710 barriers in restrooms 493 barriers in play areas
- 691 missing or inadequate handrails
- 1305 barriers in picnic areas

While significantly more funding is needed to correct all barriers, the Parks Replacement Bond, Measure 26-159, would invest up to \$5 million to remove many, making our parks and playgrounds more accessible to everyone.

Because Measure 26-159 would replace an expiring parks bond, we can make these accessibility improvements without raising the current tax rate.

For our fellow Portlanders who have disabilities, for seniors, and for you, for your family members and friends who have or will have mobility challenges, we urge you to join us in voting YES ON MEASURE 26-159.

### A PARKS SYSTEM...FOR EVERYONE. **VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-159.**

Bill Gentile, community advocate Joe VanderVeer, Chair, Portland Commission on Disability David Nail, community advocate Oregon Walks, advocates for every pedestrian, whether in a wheelchair, stroller, or on foot

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# Measure 26-159 Arguments - Continued

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

# COMMUNITY LEADERS ARE VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-159:

### safe parks for everybody, same tax rate

"The quality of life in Portland is directly influenced by the availability of the riches our park system offers. **Many of our communities experience and enjoy the bounty of our city parks as places to gather, relax, and play.** We have an opportunity this election to fix our parks—keeping them safe and open—without raising tax rates."

-Michael Alexander

"Portland's parks are so important to me, my family, and my community. I'm supporting Measure 26-159 because it's a unique opportunity to protect the parks that we love, keeping them safe and open for families to enjoy for years. And we can do that while keeping the same tax rate we pay today. Join me and vote YES."

-Nichole June Maher

"Parks reflect every community, and they benefit all of the ethnic and diverse communities that Portland serves. Please join me in supporting the Parks Replacement Bond, to address our parks' most urgent major maintenance needs things that are already broken, or are at risk of closure for safety reasons. And it will not increase the tax rate from what we are paying today."

—Lee Po Cha

"Portland's parks provide us with so many benefits, yet they are burdened by \$365 million in major maintenance needs—and the impact of that list grows each year. Because there is no other source of funds to address needed repairs, our parks are at risk of serious decline and disrepair. Measure 26-159 is strong start toward safer parks."

-Carmen Rubio

"Parks are a place where people can have something enjoyable and fun—at almost no cost. I'll never forget my childhood memories of going to the neighborhood park with my family. Let's fix our parks, without increasing the tax rate, and keep them safe and open for every Portland family."

- Victor Merced

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

# PORTLAND'S WORKING FAMILIES URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-159

Our parks, trees, and facilities are maintained and repaired by the working men and women of Oregon AFSCME-Local 189, PTE Local 17, COPPEA Chapter, Laborers-Local 483, IBEW-Local 48, Machinists and Aerospace Workers-District Lodge 24, Painters and Allied Trades-District Council 5, and seasonal workers, supervisors, and managers. PP&R's Maintenance, Central Services, and Urban Forestry teams take care of the entire 11,546 acre system, from your neighborhood parks to the community centers all Portlanders value.

**VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-159** would fund needed repairs, replacements and improvements to bring Mt Tabor Yard Maintenance Facility and Urban Forestry workplaces up to fire-life-safety standards, increasing safety and efficiency without raising the current tax rate.

Investing in safe, adequate facilities reduces accidents, saves our City money, and increases efficiency.

Urgent major repairs needed include:

· Delta Park's Urban Forestry facility is home base for a

team that's on call 24/7 to respond to tree emergencies across the city; the buildings are old and in poor condition. **VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-159** would fund critical safety improvements and replace failing structures.

 The Mt Tabor Yard facility largely dates to the 1930s. It is inefficient, needs safety upgrades, and no longer meets the basics needs of the Parks workforce. VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-159 would fix or replace leaking roofs and unstable structures.

**VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-159** give Parks' workers the opportunity to shorten the major maintenance list at our playgrounds, trails and pools, and do this work more productively and efficiently. This will give Portlanders safe, accessible, and efficient facilities and gathering places, and create safer work environments for workers—all <u>without</u> raising the tax rate.

We're voting YES on 26-159: AFSCME, Local 189 PTE Local 17, COPPEA Chapter Laborers Local 483

(This information furnished by Fix Our Parks, a project of the Conservation Campaign)

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

# VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-159 TO FIX ATHLETIC AND AQUATIC FACILITIES

- Measure 26-159—the Parks Replacement Bond—would fix aquatic and athletic facilities that are already closed, or at risk of emergency closure, for the same tax rate we pay today.
- o Reike Regional Soccer Field in SW Portland has been closed since 2012, due to unsafe conditions on the playing surface. The Parks Replacement Bond would fund repairs to reopen the field, restoring hundreds of hours of soccer and lacrosse team use.
- Matt Dishman Community Center Pool is heavily used by local and regional teams, and provides aquatic recreation opportunities for the general public—receiving almost 95,000 visits each year. The plaster surface at this pool is failing, and voids are noticeable beneath the plaster. The Replacement Bond would pay for replacement of the plaster.
- Grant Park and Peninsula Park outdoor community pools receive a combined 120,000 visits each year. Both have old and failing mechanical and filtration systems. The Parks Replacement Bond would fund an overhaul of the pools' mechanical systems, including all plumbing: pumps, motors, pipes, strainer baskets, chemical controllers, sanitation systems (including a new UV system to reduce chlorine use), and sand filters. These projects would ensure Portlanders continue to have access to these fun and invigorating community pools.
- The Springwater Corridor trail and Forest Park's many trails are heavily used by runners, joggers, and cyclists. The Parks Replacement Bond would fully reopen the Maple Trail, repair the Lower Macleay Trail, and repair bridges on the Springwater Corridor Trail, keeping it safe and open.
- Across our parks, restrooms need major maintenance. The Parks Replacement Bond would fun repair or replacement of at least 8 park restrooms.

Join us in voting YES on MEASURE 26-159 for safe and open athletic and aquatic facilities.

(This information furnished by Fix Our Parks, a project of the Conservation Campaign)

# Measure 26-159 Arguments - Continued

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

# FIX PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE: PORTLAND'S MOST VISITED CITY PARK

Each year, nearly 10 million people visit Pioneer Square. It's where we gather to sing songs, light a tree, enjoy a concert, promote, protest, meet up with friends or catch the MAX. No city park gets more use and more love than Pioneer Square. And it needs your help.

### FIX PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE: AFTER 30 YEARS - BROKEN BATHROOMS AND LEAKING BRICKS

This year, Pioneer Square celebrated its 30th birthday. That's 30 years of wear and tear. The public restrooms are breaking and outdated. The membrane lining underneath a large portion of the bricks is leaking. And brick and columns are chipped, cracked and broken. Electrical and water systems need upgrades.

### FIX PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE: NO TAX INCREASE REQUIRED

The Portland Parks Replacement Bond would provide up to \$10 million to make critically needed repairs at Pioneer Square without raising the current tax rate, because this bond replaces a bond that will be paid off next year.

### FIX PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE: A RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT - LEARN THE FACTS

For 30 years, Pioneer Square has benefited from a public/ private partnership. We are a non-profit with a small staff and volunteer board. Every dollar generated through rents, sponsorships and event fees is directed right back into Pioneer Square's day-to-day cleaning, security and daily operations.

As the property owner, Portland's Parks & Recreation Bureau is responsible for major capital projects. Unfortunately tight budgets over the past several years have meant the city has been unable to afford major repairs at the Square, including the membrane lining replacement.

Visit www.thesquarepdx.org to learn the facts.

### FIX PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE: KEEP DOWNTOWN VIBRANT AND SAFE FOR ANOTHER 30 YEARS

As Portland's Living Room, it's critical Pioneer Square remains a vibrant and safe place for our community and visitors to gather for generations to come. Vote yes to fix our parks.

> Stephen Schneider President Pioneer Courthouse Square Board of Trustees

(This information furnished by Pioneer Courthouse Square, Inc.)

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Portland's parks, public places, natural areas and recreational opportunities give life and beauty to our city... Portland's residents will treasure and care for this legacy, building on the past to provide for future generations.

-PORTLAND PARKS 2020 VISION

### Dear Portlanders,

We have one of the greatest parks systems in America. It's no accident. Generations of Portlanders before us had the foresight to plan and sacrifice so that we could play, relax and enjoy nature in parks across the city. They were committed to creating the community we love.

Now it's our turn.

I had the honor of serving as Parks Commissioner during the Great Recession. With the generosity and hard work of dozens of community organizations, parks-loving businesses and the dedicated team at Portland Parks & Recreation, we weathered that storm. But not without consequences to the system we all

reasure.

### ADDRESSING PARKS' NEEDS

Limited City General Fund dollars, grants and partnerships only go so far. That's why parks bonds—large, one-time investments—are a good solution for parks capital needs. Right now, Portland Parks & Recreation has identified \$365 million in necessary replacements and major maintenance projects that need to be completed over the next 10 years.

# AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST, WITHOUT INCREASING THE TAX RATE

In 1994 we committed to the last parks bond. In 2015 it will be paid off. Now is not the time to waiver in our generation's commitment to our parks. We can tackle critical park needs without increasing tax rates. We can simply continue to fund parks at the current rate of the 1994 bond. This will raise up to \$68 million to address the most critical needs of our parks system.

My family and I can't imagine Portland without our wonderful parks system—can you? Investing now continues a proud heritage for generations of Portlanders to come.

# Please join me in voting YES ON MEASURE 26-159. Find out more at www.fixourparks.org.

Nick Fish City Commissioner

(This information furnished by Commissioner Nick Fish)

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

# The League of Women Voters of Portland supports the 2014 Parks Replacement Bond

We support:

- A visually attractive urban community with a sustainable and healthful environment
- Quality infrastructure and public facilities designed to meet the needs of residents

# Measure 26-159 would help keep parks, playgrounds, pools and trails open, safe and accessible.

Our public parks and recreational facilities are a vital part of Portland's healthful and enjoyable urban environment. They contribute to an improved quality of life for Portland families and attract visitors. The funds from the proposed bonds would be used to

- repair play structures, outdated equipment, and failing infrastructure,
- remove barriers to access for people with disabilities and
  prevent closures of facilities and trails, so we all can use
- We believe that:
  - Efficient and economical government requires adequate financing.
  - City planning goals should be based on consideration of environmental, social and economic impacts of proposed plans and on fair distribution of tax burdens.
  - The public should be involved in the planning and oversight of government projects.

# Measure 26-159 is economical, responsible, accountable and fair.

### It requires audits and citizen oversight.

Because the proposed bonds would replace expiring bonds, the tax rate to finance the bonds is expected to remain at the current rate of less than nine cents per \$1000 of a property's assessed value. After the initial urgent improvements and repairs, additional projects would be recommended through a public process.

An oversight committee made up of Portland residents would review expenditures and report annually to the City Council. The measure requires performance audits to ensure that

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projects funded by the bonds are consistent with voter intent.

The League of Women Voters of Portland urges you to Vote Yes on Measure 26-159

(This information furnished by The League of Women Voters of Portland)

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

City Club of Portland recommends YES on Measure 26-159

City Club of Portland's Board of Governors to recommend a **YES vote on Measure 26-159**, the Portland Parks Replacement Bond.

City Club of Portland finds there is an ongoing need to maintain and improve Parks and Recreation facilities. The Parks Replacement Bond will provide up to \$68 million in funds for urgent major maintenance needs, without increasing the tax rate.

City Club of Portland finds that there is **no realistic alternative** for large scale additional funding for parks facilities.

Portland voters have a legacy of building and maintaining our city's parks through a series of levies and bonds. City Club of Portland's general membership and Board of Governors share a legacy of researching and supporting Portland Parks bond and levy proposals:

In 1938, 1950, 1978, and 1994, City Club of Portland conducted ballot measure studies on parks levies. In each case, City Club came out **firmly in support** of the ballot measures

Based on this research, the City Club's Board of Governors adopted resolutions in support of an operating levy for parks in May 2002 and November 2002, and now **recommends a YES vote for Measure 26-159** 

City Club of Portland has affirmed its commitment to equity: "Prosperity, health and education should be available to all Portlanders, regardless of who they are, where they come from or how much money they make." To that end, access to parks and recreation should be available to Portlanders regardless of geography.

It is the expectation of the City Club Board of Governors that the Parks Bureau will invest bond resources in a manner that **fosters more equity** in the provision of citywide parks and recreation services.

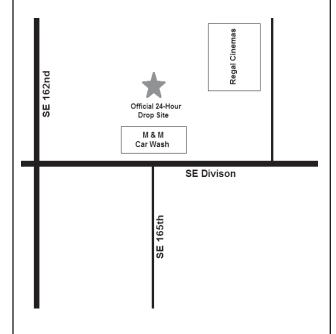
City Club of Portland is a nonprofit, nonpartisan civic organization committed to making a positive difference in our community. Members encompass all ages and come from a wide range of ethnic, racial and religious backgrounds. Membership is open to all.

(This information furnished by City Club of Portland)



If you use a 24-Hour Drop Box in Multnomah County you'll notice they are new, with a sturdy design and new graphics.

There is also a new Official 24-Hour Drop Site location on SE Division St at SE 165<sup>th</sup> Ave. The official drop box is located in the Regal Cinemas parking lot, behind the M & M Car Wash.



# METRO

### **Measure 26-160**

Referred to the People by the Metro Council

### BALLOT TITLE

Retain prohibition on Metro-required single-family neighborhood density increases

**Question:** Shall Metro Charter Provision Prohibiting Metro From Requiring Density Increases in Single-Family Neighborhoods Be Retained, with 16-Year Sunset?

**Summary:** Retains provision in Metro Charter prohibiting Metro from requiring local governments to increase density in identified existing single-family neighborhoods. Requires revote in 2030 to remain effective. This prohibition was approved by voters in 2002 and is required by Metro Charter to be voted on again at the November 2014 general election. A "yes" vote on this measure would retain the prohibition for 16 years; a "no" vote repeals the prohibition on June 30, 2015.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure asks voters the question of whether to retain a provision in the Metro Charter at Chapter II, Section 5, subsection (4)(b). This Charter provision was originally approved by the voters in 2002, and the provision includes a clause requiring that it be resubmitted to the electors for a vote at the November 2014 general election.

Metro performs required land-use planning activities under Oregon's land-use planning laws. Oregon law authorizes Metro to adopt "functional plans" addressing matters that affect the development of greater metropolitan Portland. Metro may recommend or require changes to local governments' comprehensive land use plans and to ordinances that implement those plans, unless otherwise limited by state law or its own charter, as in the limitation being voted upon here.

This limitation is contained in Metro Charter Chapter II, Section 5 (4) entitled "Protection of Livability of Existing Neighborhoods," in subsection (b), entitled "Density Increase Prohibited." The provision prohibits Metro from requiring, by the Regional Framework Plan or any ordinance implementing the plan, an increase in the density of single-family neighborhoods within the existing urban growth boundary identified in the plan solely as inner or outer neighborhoods. The provision does not affect the ability of local governments to determine for themselves the density mixes in those areas.

The original provision required that it be re-submitted to the voters in the fall general election in 2014. The provision being voted on at the November 2014 election contains a similar sunset and revote clause. If a majority of the electors vote to retain the provision, it shall remain in effect until the question is again put to the voters in 2030. If a majority of voters do not vote to retain the provision, it will be repealed on June 30, 2015.

Submitted by Martha J. Bennett Chief Operating Officer Metro

NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

### **Measure 26-161**

### BALLOT TITLE

Portland Public Schools levy renewal for schools and educational programs.

**Question:** Shall district support schools; redirect funds from urban renewal; levy \$1.99 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning 2015?

This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: PPS' current local option levy was approved by voters in 2011 to provide funding for schools over 5 years. In 2013, the Oregon Legislature ended the diversion of some local option levy revenues to certain urban renewal districts for levies passed after January 2013. Renewal of local option levy will direct approximately \$4 million more to the approved purpose of supporting education, without increasing taxes. The renewed levy will provide \$64.3 million, equivalent to 640 teaching positions.

This renewed local option levy would:

- Continue to fund teaching positions;
- Help to maintain or reduce class size;
- Support programs for a comprehensive education.

Levy cost remains \$1.99 per \$1,000 assessed property value, the same as the 2011 levy.

Funds will be placed in a sub-account, and independent citizen oversight will review expenditures to verify that funds are used as approved by voters. This measure would replace the 2011 levy.

The levy will produce an estimated \$64.3 million in 2015-2016; \$66.2 million in 2016-2017; \$68.2 million in 2017-2018; \$70.2 million in 2018-2019; and \$72.3 million in 2019-2020.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Portland Public Schools currently serves over 48,000 students in 85 schools and other programs throughout the neighborhoods of Portland. PPS has set ambitious targets for student success, and, despite years of budget cuts, academic achievement has increased on six of the seven critical milestone measures in the past three years. PPS' overall high school graduation rate has increased 14% in the past four years. PPS enrollment is projected to grow by over 5,000 students in the next decade.

In serving the students of Portland, the district continuously strives to be fiscally responsible with taxpayer resources. Through many years of budget cuts, the district and school board have worked to preserve classroom education. At the same time, PPS has advocated for a greater level of state investment by the Legislature and worked to ensure that all dollars raised are spent well by the district and used for educational services for students.

The legislature has recently increased its investment in K-12 education, but state funding for schools remains well short of the minimum necessary to fulfill the Quality Education Model. More investments are needed to continue to lower class size, rebuild programs, and add school days for students. In the meantime, funds raised by this local option levy will help to close the funding gap.

When it was learned that a state law was allowing local urban renewal districts to siphon off a portion of local option levy funds intended for schools, PPS and other school districts joined with teachers and supporters of social services to advocate for a change. In 2013, the Legislature unanimously approved legislation ending the diversion of funds, ensuring that all revenues from future local option levies will go to support schools as the voters intended. Replacing the existing levy now will allow PPS students to benefit from this change in the law.

### The renewed local option levy will:

### Fund teaching positions.

- This will help maintain & lower class sizes that permit more individual attention for students;
- Funds help to support a well-rounded program, with enrichments for elementary and middle grades and electives in varied interest areas and disciplines for high school students.
- If approved, levy will provide funding equivalent to 640 teaching positions.

### Continue to provide fiscal accountability and taxpayer oversight:

- This renewal maintains the existing local option levy rate of \$1.99 per \$1,000 assessed value and ensures that all funds raised are directed to the voter-approved purpose of supporting schools.

  This renewal provides approximately \$4 million more to
- schools each year without increasing taxes.
- This local option requires independent citizen oversight to ensure that tax dollars are used only for purposes approved by local voters.
- Funds will be placed in an sub-account to ensure their correct use and accurate reporting.

Since this local option levy replaces the one passed by voters in 2011, Portland Public Schools Board of Education will not collect the final year of the current levy, maintaining the existing tax rate.

Submitted by Carole Smith Superintendent Portland Public Schools

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

# Measure 26-161 Arguments - Continued

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Yes for Teachers. Yes for Kids. Yes on Measure 26-161.

Strong public schools are the foundation of a great city; supporting families, keeping neighborhoods vital, building community and strengthening the local economy.

Portland Public Schools – serving over 48,000 students – strives for every child, in every school to succeed and reach their highest potential in life and career.

Having a high quality teacher in every classroom, and class sizes that allows for individual attention and diverse, well funded instructional programs is fundamental to reaching this goal.

Renewing Measure 26-161 means:

### More Teachers, Same Tax Rate

The current local option levy funds 600 teaching positions. Thanks to a change in state law, Portland Public Schools will be able to fund about 40 more teaching positions without ANY INCREASE IN TAXES. Currently over \$7.5 million of levy funds are siphoned off for Urban Renewal. By voting yes, we can make sure the money goes where we intend - the classroom.

### Maintaining & Lowering Class Sizes

PPS' student enrollment is projected to grow by over 5,000 students in the next decade. Measure 26-161 will provide more teachers to help meet this demand and continue the district's efforts to lower class sizes.

### **Funding Programs for a Comprehensive Education**

Measure 26-161 will continue support for diverse instructional programs essential to a comprehensive education. Without the local option levy, we won't have key electives and enrichment programs.

### Independent Oversight

The local option levy requires an **independent citizen oversight to ensure tax dollars are used for purposes approved by voters.** The Citizen Budget Review Committee will continue to provide this oversight and funds collected from the levy will be placed in a sub-account for accurate and transparent reporting.

Please join us in supporting Portland's children, teachers, and classrooms.

Vote Yes on Measure 26-161

**Great Schools Build a Great City** 

Portlanders for Schools

Congressmen Earl Blumenauer and Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury

(This information furnished by Portlanders for Schools)

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

# Parent Volunteers Know Our Schools ... And We Know Our Schools Need Measure 26-161!

As active parents and volunteers, we're in our local schools every day. We know first-hand how hard everyone is working to educate our children. Teachers work tirelessly to provide students with a challenging, rigorous curriculum and individualized attention. Additional supports are provided for struggling students. And students are getting more access every year to a well-rounded education that includes music; art; physical education; and hands-on, experiential, project-based learning opportunities. As a result, student achievement in PPS is rising each year.

Alongside parents, teachers are the most important ingredient

in our kids' education. A great teacher in every classroom - with reasonable class sizes that allow for individual attention – is a must. The current teacher levy in PPS pays for about 600 teachers.

By renewing this local teacher levy early – and at the exact same rate as we currently pay - PPS will be able to hire another 40-50 new teachers. That's because - under the current levy - some funds are siphoned off to pay for urban renewal. When PPS discovered this, it successfully lobbied the legislature last session and got a law changed allowing all funds collected to go to their intended purpose ... hiring teachers in PPS.

Please join us in supporting Measure 26-161! Let's ensure that Portland remains a community where families can send their kids to public schools knowing they'll have great teachers, reasonable class sizes, robust class offerings and the individualized attention they deserve.

Join us in voting YES on 26-161!

Jennifer Brown, Sitton PTA President

Sharon Meigh - Chang, PTA Clothing Center

Trace Salmon, Vice President King

Heather Leek, Beverly Cleary PTA

Michael Reunert, Wilson HS PTA

Kris Anderson, Benson High School

Ken Rumbaugh, Sabin School

Brian Hoop, Skyline School

Debra Zavala, Portland Council PTA

Carol Cooper ,Volunteer

Jessica Lindley Pioneer School PTA

Roger Kirchner, Parent volunteer

Chris Wiegand ,Alameda volunteer

(This information furnished by Parents and Volunteers of Portland Public Schools)

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

# Portland Council PTA says "Vote Yes" for Students, Teachers and Schools!

For over 100 years, Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) have brought parents and teachers together as a powerful voice for children, an important resource for parents, and a strong advocate for public education.

Yet PTAs cannot replace the basics of a good education. To learn, children need:

- · Great teachers in every classroom;
- Reasonable class sizes allowing individualized attention to students; and
- Enriched, well-rounded and challenging educational programs.

Portland Public Schools' current teacher levy funds about 600 teaching positions. All monies raised in Portland stay in Portland. This early renewal will allow PPS to take advantage of a law passed during the last legislative session that fixes a quirk in the funding distribution. Today, some levy funds - intended by the voters to pay for teachers - actually fund urban renewal. With the change in the law, PPS can renew its current levy at the exact same rate and collect about \$4 million more — enough to pay for over 40 additional teachers - will help fund teachers rather than urban renewal!

With this renewal, the new teacher levy will fund over 640 teaching positions in our PPS schools.

That's great news for our students and for our community!

# Measure 26-161 Arguments – Continued

Portland Council PTA asks you to join with your local PTA in voting YES on Measure 26-161!

Submitted by:

Lisa Kensel, President Portland Council PTA

(This information furnished by Portland Council PTA)

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A message from the Portland Association of Teachers

Classroom teachers across Portland know that the Local Option Levy is essential to educating our community's children

Measure 26-161 will provide:

- More teachers and counselors in our schools
- More individualized attention for students'
- More classroom opportunities for enrichment courses

Last year, during teacher contract negotiations with Portland Public Schools, the Portland Association of Teachers representing 3,000-plus teachers and counselors - challenged the school district to hire more teachers and to reduce class

With the economy improving we worked to ensure funds got to where they're needed most ... supporting our students.

As a result, this year, PPS hired 180 more teachers, there is counseling support in every PPS school to support struggling students, and we are beginning to reduce our student-toteacher ratio and counselor-to-student ratio for the first time in

But we can do better and Measure 26-161 gives us the opportunity to do that.

A yes vote on Measure 26-161 will fund over 600 current teaching positions supported by the Local Option Levy and add a minimum of 45 additional educators into Portland Public

This levy renewal addresses a loophole in our current levy and will ensure that funds collected to pay for teachers actually pays for teachers rather than a portion going to support urban renewal. Fixing this levy will allow PPS to hire another 45+ teachers to better support student success without raising any

That's great for our students and it's great for Portland.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-161

(This information furnished by Portland Association of Teachers)

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### CITIZEN BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE SUPPORTS **MEASURE 26-161**

The Citizen Budget Review Committee (CBRC) is composed of volunteers appointed by the Board of Education for Portland Public Schools (PPS) and serves in an advisory capacity. Its duties include serving as the mandated independent citizen oversight group for the Local Option Levy.

CBRC strongly supports renewing Measure 26-161 at the same tax rate and recommends a yes vote.

Local Option Levies are used by school districts across the state to allow communities to supplement Oregon's state school funding, still among the lowest in the country. The current levy has delivered almost 12% of PPS's annual operating budget.

Thanks to recent legislative changes, new levies are no longer subject to a diversion of funds to urban renewal. Renewing the levy now will ensure that all revenues from this levy will be used as intended by voters, producing about \$4 Million more

to support schools with no additional burden on taxpayers.

CBRC has worked closely with the District to develop accounting procedures that will channel levy revenues into a separate fund, assuring voters that the levy funds can be used only for its stated purpose - putting teachers in classrooms. CBRC will continue to monitor the use of the local option funds and publish an annual report available to the public.

We urge Portland voters to continue their strong support of public education and renew the Local Option Levy. Vote YES on Measure 26-161.

Tom Fuller, Chair, Citizen Budget Review Committee

(This information furnished by Tom Fuller on behalf of the Citizens Budget Review Committee)

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### SMALL BUSINESSES SAY PLEASE VOTE YES ON 26-161

Strong Schools are essential to Portland's neighborhoods and business districts

As local owned small business owners in Portland, we're invested in our community and we're invested in our public schools. We know that strong public schools attract employees and their families to Portland and improve our quality of life. And as small business owners, we count on our public schools to produce outstanding graduates who might, one day, work for us or support our businesses in other ways.

An Improving Economy, Improving Schools

We've watched PPS for years and it's clear that things are looking up. Our State Legislature is beginning to re-invest in K-12 and PPS is putting that investment to good use:

- PPS added two days of school this year, giving students more instructional time.
- PPS added 180 more teachers, lowering class sizes and
- providing more one-on-one attention for students. This year, PPS has full time career coordinators in every high school supporting students as they prepare for college, career or their next step.
- A capital facilities bond is providing family wage jobs in the community as school buildings get seismic upgrades, new roofs, elevators, new science labs and other improvements.
- Most importantly, PPS' graduation rate has increased each of the past 5 years.

### A Renewal Means No Tax Increase

As small business owners we are constantly looking at the bottom line. Renewing Measure 26-161 funds over 640 current teaching positions with no increase in tax rates.

### More Teachers

The net result of renewing Portland's teacher levy early is that we'll pay the same taxes as we currently pay but over \$4 million additional funds will go to PPS allowing it to hire over 40 more teachers. That's good for students and for our community. And that's good for business.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-161. It's a good business decision

Mike Roach - Paloma Clothing Kim Osgood - Paloma Clothing John Whisler - Kitchen Kaboodle

(This information furnished by Small Businesses for Portland Public Schools)

# Measure 26-161 Arguments - Continued

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### **COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE VOTING YES ON 26-161**

Formed in 2001, the Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) is an alliance of 20 respected culturally-specific organizations from the African, American-African, Asian and Pacific Islander, Latino, Native American and Slavic communities. We address the socioeconomic and racial and ethnic disparities experienced by our families, children and communities, and seek social and policy changes that result in a thriving, more engaged community for all.

The CCC supports the renewal of the Portland Public Schools teacher levy. The renewal of the levy will allow for the hiring of an additional 40-50 teachers while keeping the tax rate the same. Today, 47% of all PPS students are students of color and 8% emerging bilingual students. PPS is committed to implementing Oregon's Minority Teachers Act, which is the state's commitment to increasing the diversity of educator workforce.

These changes will greatly benefit all students over time. Teachers that reflect our student population are critical to preparing all youth to become tomorrow's leaders.

Four years ago the CCC successfully advocated for the creation of the PPS Racial Equity Policy, which resulted in increased dual language and family engagement programs, and a more diverse and bilingual educator workforce necessary to meet the needs of a changing student population. But we can't stop now.

PPS must continue this important work of building a high quality education program that all our children deserve. Additional diverse teachers in the classroom means more reasonable class sizes, more individualized attention for students of all backgrounds and an enriched curriculum relevant to today's young person.

### Please join us in voting YES on 26-161!

Gerald Deloney Carmen Rubio Lee Po Cha Matt Morton

(This information furnished by Matt Morton)

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Portland Students Support Measure 26-161

Every student knows the power of classroom sizes and the importance of having strong relationships with their teachers. Combined these are the simplest and most effective ways to boost achievement while providing better emotional and academic supports to students

Given the state's funding situation, it is difficult to give students small enough class sizes, which is why Portland voters generously approved a 2011 teacher levy that pays for nearly 1/4 of all teachers in PPS. However, some of the funds collected in our current levy are being diverted to pay for Urban Renewal. PPS went to the legislature last session and got that changed. As a result, renewing our levy will cost taxpayers the same amount, but put as many as 50 more teachers in PPS classrooms, where they are critically needed.

The choice is simple:

- Vote yes and all funds collected from the renewed Portland Teacher Levy will be used to pay for teachers to support student success.
- Vote no and the current levy continues with millions of dollars siphoned off to support urban renewal.

Measure 26-161 simply asks voters to fix a loophole in the current levy formula so that all monies collected support teachers in the classroom.

A vote for Measure 26-161 is a vote for the success of every student in Portland. Please Vote Yes on

Minna Jayaswal Mikey Garcia Kathryn Davidson

(This information furnished by Students of Portland Public Schools)

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-161!

Our Portland Our Schools, a program of Community & Parents for Public Schools of Portland (CPPS), urges parents and community members to vote YES to renew the local option levy for Portland Public Schools. Local option levies are used by school districts to supplement inadequate state school funding. This renewed levy will fund more teachers at no additional cost to taxpayers. That's good for kids, parents, and the whole community.

More money for teachers: a small portion of the revenues from the current local option levy is siphoned off for urban renewal. The legislature recently changed the law that ends this practice for new levies. Renewing the levy now will produce more money for more teachers at the same tax rate.

Same tax rate, 40+ more teachers: using the same tax rate, this levy will bring in an additional \$4 million by ending the diversion of funds. That will pay for 40 to 50 additional teachers in the classroom, helping to lower class sizes or add electives for students.

More teachers for students who need the most help: Portland Public Schools has adopted a funding formula that sends more teachers to schools with a higher proportion of low-income students, giving them the extra support they need to succeed.

All funds will go to pay for teachers: all of the money raised by this local option will pay for teachers. And only teachers.

Accountability: Portland Public Schools has established a separate fund account for revenues from this local option levy that can be spent only on teachers' salaries. A citizen budget oversight committee monitors those funds to verify that they are being used appropriately. Our Portland, Our Schools pledges to track district spending to ensure that PPS keeps its promise to voters.

### VOTE YES FOR KIDS! VOTE YES FOR OUR SCHOOLS!

Rita Moore Paul D. Anthony Edward C. Wolf Betsy Salter Mike Verbout Scott Bailey Will Fuller Michele Arntz

(This information furnished by Our Portland Our Schools)

### Measure 26-161 Arguments

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### PARENTS COALITION URGES A YES VOTE CALLS FOR MORE ACCOUNTABILITY FROM SCHOOL **BOARD!**

We support the renewal of the local option levy, as it will provide supports for students...in every school and in every neighborhood.

As longtime school volunteers, we know our schools and principals need more teachers, counselors, and classified staff to better support students.

### Board's Past Actions Cut Teachers and Shortchanged Students!

In the 2012-13 school year, only 17% of high school students had a full school day, primarily because the School Board made massive cuts to high school teaching staffs. Part-time high school became the norm, not the exception.

Parents Fought Back
Parents saw students leaving high school unprepared for college or work. We mobilized to restore teachers and end the practice of part-time school, and filed a formal complaint with the Oregon Department of Education, which found PPS in violation of state rules on instructional hours.

Accountability to Students, Parents, Taxpayers These local option funds are needed for schools and classrooms. To ensure they actually end up there, we must hold the School Board accountable.

This measure says there will be "independent citizen oversight to review expenditures." This should NOT be another handpicked group of rubber-stampers selected to avoid scrutiny.

Vote Yes and send a strong message to PPS School Board

- prioritize students in all grades and all schools OVER funding administration and pay raises for central office
- add teachers and support staff to Grant, Wilson, Cleveland, Lincoln, Franklin, and Madisoncomprehensive neighborhood high schools that have been chronically understaffed;
- implement education recommendations from the 2013 Internal Auditor report that found PPS was getting worse results despite spending more money per student than comparable districts;
- continue equity funding.

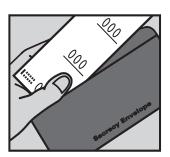
Submitted by parents Mike Rosen, Lisa Zuniga, Monique McClean, Amy Carlsen Kohnstamm, members of the Parents Coalition.

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(This information furnished by Mike Rosen, Lisa Zuniga, Monique McClean, members of the Parents Coalition)

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# SAUVIE ISLAND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #30JT

### **Measure 26-162**

### **BALLOT TITLE**

Reduced five-year local option levy for general operating expenditures

**Question**: Shall Sauvie Island Fire District impose reduced five-year \$0.35 per \$1,000 assessed value for general operations beginning 2015-2016? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: Sauvie Island Fire District (Multnomah County Rural Fire Protection District #30J) is proposing a renewal of their existing local option levy that will support the needs for general operations and expenditures. This renewal is a 25% reduction from \$0.4600/\$1,000 assessed valuation to \$0.3500/\$1,000 assessed valuation. Through efficient fiscal stewardship, the District has been able to reduce expenditures while maintaining a reserve capital replacement fund for future purchases and can request the lowered amount while providing the same or higher level of response to the community.

The District anticipates the expenditure of these funds to include, but not limited to, required annual medical/health testing for all responders, required Federal/OSHA testing and firefighters use of equipment, physical testing of responders' abilities/capabilities, annual servicing and safety inspections of vehicles and equipment to include funds for capital replacement, continuing education for volunteer responder training and certification, and continued contribution to the capital reserve fund. Without this additional revenue, personnel health programs, training, vehicle replacement, and maintenance schedules will need be reduced.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$48,750 in FY2015/2016, \$49,725 in FY2016-2017, \$50,720 in FY2017-2018, \$51,734 in FY2018-2019 and \$52,769 in FY2019-2020, for a total of \$253,698.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The continuing mission of the Sauvie Island Fire District (Multnomah County Rural Fire Protection District #30J) is to provide All Hazard emergency response services to all the residents and visitors of Sauvie Island, including fire, medical, and other hazards/risks. Additionally, the District continues to provide mutual aid assistance, per Inter-Governmental Agreements, to Scappoose Fire Department and Portland Fire & Rescue. This mission necessitates the renewal of the current five-year Local Option Levy for general operations. Over the past 5 years, the District has managed the funds provided through the current levy with the best interests of the citizens in mind. Furthermore, the District's Board of Directors believes the efficiencies developed affords the opportunity to reduce the amount needed to balance the budget from this local option levy by 25%, which amounts to approximately a \$16,250 reduction in the first year of the levy from \$0.46/\$1.000 to \$0.35/\$1,000.

Many factors contribute to the District's continued cost of operations. Basic resources such as electricity, fuel, and natural gas prices have increased as a basic cost. OSHA is requiring institutional testing and physical wellness monitoring for all firefighters and the cost of these mandatory services rise each year. Maintenance of hard goods, equipment, and fire protection gear continue to be high cost items (i.e. one set of protective firefighting turnouts for one responder costing approximately \$2300). Additionally, equipment needs replacing as it becomes outdated, not functional even with current preventative or corrective maintenance services, falls below Federal or national standards, or becomes unsafe.

The above reflect only a small selection of the expenditures and reasons for the continuation of the Local Option Levy. Detailed explanations of any of the above costs or a review of the District's Budget are available to residents by contacting the District directly or by attending public meetings such as District board meetings.

Without the passing of this levy, the District faces the reduction or elimination of personnel health programs, vehicle maintenance/replacement, protective gear purchase/replacement, and/or response services.

Submitted by

Norvin Collins

Fire Chief

Sauvie Island Fire District (Multnomah County Rural

Fire Protection District #30J)

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

# **SAUVIE ISLAND RFPD #30JT**

### **Measure 26-162**

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The Sauvie Island Volunteer Firefighter's Association appreciates all of the support the residents of Sauvie Island have given us throughout the years, and we are asking for your continued support in this reduced Local Option Levy (LOL) renewal.

As a membership, we continue our hard work and dedication to provide support for all of our community and for all of our volunteer firefighters. Through community fundraising and donations, the Firefighter's Association has contributed to the District as much as possible towards our mutual goals. The Firefighter's Association has seen the great efforts the District has put forth in being financially responsible, which is reflected in the proposed LOL of \$0.35 per \$1,000 assessed value. This proposed Levy is less than the 2010 LOL of \$0.46 per \$1,000 assessed value. The revenue from this levy will go to supporting the District's operation costs. The basic cost for electricity, fuel, telephones, radios, pagers, and insurance are increasing as are all the essentials to the workings of any Fire Department such as equipment and apparatus. The revenue from the levy will also be used towards mandatory medical testing and immunization, training on current and ever changing health and safety procedures and policies, and required OSHA testing of equipment, as well as annual servicing, inspections and equipment replacement. The Association has come to the conclusion that without the revenue provided by this levy we will no longer be able to provide the same level of service, including both medical response and fire protection.

Please feel free to call Association Officers or Chief Collins directly. We welcome anyone to stop by the station or a posted Board meeting to talk if you have any questions regarding the levy or the necessity of this funding.

We hope you will join us in voting 'YES' for this measure so we can keep the Sauvie Island R.F.P.D. #30J a healthy, strong, and viable fire and medical service for our community.

(This information furnished by Sauvie Island Volunteer Firefighter's Association)

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# **CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT #39**

### **Measure 26-163**

### **BALLOT TITLE**

Bonds for School Improvements, Safety, Seismic, and Create Operational Efficiencies.

**Question:** Shall Corbett School District make improvements to educational environment and create operational efficiencies by issuing \$8,500,000 in general obligation bonds? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Summary:** This measure is not expected to increase the number of classrooms on campus other than adding two new science labs. Specifically, this measure is expected to finance:

- Replacing the seismically challenged Middle School with an educationally appropriate, energy-efficient building, increase safety and save money on operating costs.
- Create two new science labs to replace the 1950's era lab currently in use.
  Create a "courtyard" at the East end of campus for
- Create a "courtyard" at the East end of campus for fire engine turnaround.
- Renovate a portion of the current high school for a library/media center, a district office, and other office space such as Special Education.
- Furnish, equip and make site improvements for all projects; pay for demolition and costs of issuance.

Bonds would mature in a period not to exceed twenty-one (21) years. The overall tax rate for bonds is estimated to be approximately \$1.46 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The last bond supported investment in Corbett School facilities occurred in 1994 when voters passed a \$6.5 million bond to construct a new elementary school. This bond is not expected to increase the number of classrooms on campus but will add two new self contained science labs to replace the 1950's era

In January 2013, the District appointed a diverse group of Corbett citizens who, along with professional architects, engineers and construction experts studied the existing facilities and future needs. Community meetings gathered feedback from the general public and Corbett voters were surveyed about different options. This bond will address issues identified by the committee, including educational needs for today's and future students, seismic, fire life safety issues, and hazardous material concerns in the current Middle School building (1923).

Except for the elementary school, District buildings are between 35 and 90 years old. Since their construction, classroom space needs have changed. Currently, the average classroom in the middle school building is about 740 square feet. Typically, classrooms are now built in the

range of 915-1,000 square feet or between 25-35% larger than currently exists in the middle school. Since their original construction, building codes have been updated to reflect new requirements for educational buildings, mechanical and electrical systems, lighting, fire and life safety and earthquake resistance to name a few.

With a new bond, the District would replace the 1923 building while working with the State Historic Preservation Office to mitigate the historical impacts of replacing the building. The new building will meet the educational, technological, and safety needs of today's students. The new building also is expected to reduce maintenance costs and costs of operation, improve campus safety and traffic flows and comply with federal ADA and educational equity laws.

This measure is not expected to increase the number of classrooms on campus other than adding two new science labs. Specifically, this measure is expected to finance:

- Replacing the current Middle School with an educationally appropriate, energy efficient building, up to current seismic standards, increase safety and save money on operating costs..
- Create two new self contained science labs to replace the current 1950's era lab.
- Create a "courtyard" at the East end of campus to connect existing buildings and for fire engine turnaround.
- Renovate the current high school, reclaiming a portion for a library/media center, a district office, and other office space such as Special Education.
- Furnish, equip and make site improvements for all projects; pay for demolition and costs of issuance.

Bonds would mature in a period not to exceed twenty-one (21) years. The overall tax rate for bonds is estimated to he approximately \$1.46 per \$1,000 of assessed property value

A citizen bond oversight committee would be appointed by the School Board to ensure that bond proceeds are spent only on projects described in the ballot title and this explanatory statement.

Submitted by Randi Trani, Superindendant Corbett School District #39

NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

# **CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT #39**

### **Measure 26-163**

### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

The previous two failed bond measures cited safety concerns as the top priority. In this proposal safety has taken a back seat to size.

Federal grant money is available for seismic upgrades, our administration feels those monies aren't ideal as they won't address the other facility needs we have campus wide. Yet here we are now with a bond proposal that also does not address those other needs.

Based on conversations by the school board we can be assured that in a few years they will ask for another bond to address the other projects that should be done now.

This bond proposal could have easily renovated the Middle School, or even built new on a smaller scale, and had money left to address the other safety concerns. Instead they are building a larger school and adding a separate science complex for a STEM High School. The current plan adds approximately 14,000 sqft to our campus above currently used space.

The number of added classrooms means little when they range in size from 830 sqft to 1,700 sqft., as larger ones can easily be split into 2. This is exactly how the district expanded our district before, and now they're out of room. More square footage = the potential for more out of area students. While only residents pay for the facilities.

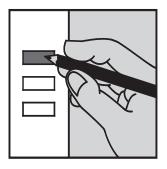
Corbett Charter School still exists in our Grade School Library, and 472 Charter students have joined the District Schools through "open enrollment". The Charter High School has been replaced with a STEM High School. We now have 6 schools in our small community.

Operating funds are used for salaries to add teachers and principals. Yet we're told we have no money for building maintenance or facility needs.

A no vote will not only help to curb the expansion of our schools, it will also send the message that the community expects to see some sensibility return to our school district.

Please Vote No.

(This information furnished by Save Our School)



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